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Fed lets rates stay unmoved for now

Amid strong data, central bank waits to see the economy's next moves

BY RACHEL SIEGEL

The U.S. economy is still stronger than Federal Reserve officials expected a year and a half into their inflation fight — leaving policymakers waiting for more data to scrutinize the central bank's moves to ease prices and see how much harder it will have to push.

After scrambling to hoist rates in 2022 and early 2023, the Fed is moving much more cautiously so policymakers have time to observe how inflation, the job market and economic growth respond. That newfound patience gave the central bank cover to leave rates unchanged Wednesday. But most officials still think it will need to trigger one more hike before the end of the year.

The goal now is to make sure the Fed gets borrowing costs to the right level — even though no one knows exactly what that level should be or how long to stay there.

"We want to see convincing evidence, really, that we have reached the appropriate level," Fed Chair Jerome H. Powell said at a news conference Wednesday. "We've seen progress, and we welcome that. But we need to see more progress before we'll be willing to reach that conclusion."

The meeting left the Fed's baseline policy rate, known as the federal funds rate, at a level between 5.25 and 5.5 percent. Officials had telegraphed the decision ahead of time, leaving rates at the highest level in 22 years.

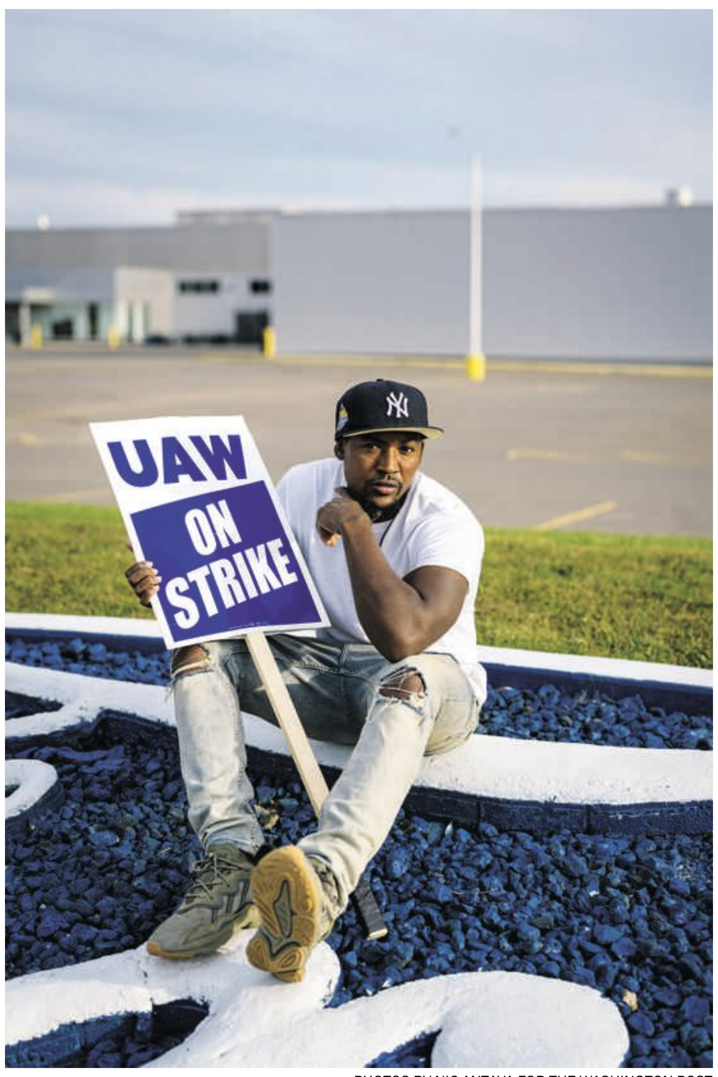
Markets slid on Powell's remarks. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 76.85 points, or 0.22 percent. The S&P 500 index

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"I shouldn't have to work two jobs. I thought this would be a career, with benefits and overtime."

Markeis Womack, a Ford employee on strike



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Tiered wages lie at the heart of UAW strike

BY LAUREN KAORI GURLEY
IN WAYNE, MICH.

This summer, Markeis Womack, 31, installed visors and glove boxes on Broncos and Rangers for about eight hours a day on the assembly line at the Ford plant in Wayne, starting at 6 a.m. After, he cleaned offices, churches and day cares on a 10-hour shift working as a janitor. His work day ended at 4 a.m., because his Ford job didn't pay enough to make ends meet. Womack, the father of two young kids, makes $20.69 an hour at Ford and said he can only dream of "stability and owning a house."

Steven Summers, 60, who works in incoming quality control in the same Ford factory, has had things a bit easier. After 24 years on the job, Summers makes $32 an hour. He and his wife, a former autoworker, own a four-bedroom house with a pool in a suburb of Detroit. They raised four daughters and a grandchild on their wages, vacationing in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and signing up for softball leagues. His family isn't rich, Summers says, but "we're doing all right."

Back in 1999, Summers started at $14 an hour — almost three times as much as minimum wage at the time — a rate that, adjusted for inflation, would be the equivalent of $22 an hour in 2020, when Womack started at Ford. But Womack's starting wage was much less than that — $16.67 — about 1½ times as much as Michigan's minimum wage and not much more than market wages at local fast-food chains.

The two work in different tiers at Ford, a system that creates vast differences in the compensation between new and legacy autoworkers. These tiers are at the heart of a labor

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LEFT: Steven Summers, 60, makes $32 an hour working at the Ford plant in Wayne, Mich. He started in 1999. RIGHT: Markeis Womack, 31, makes $20.69 at the same plant thanks in part to a tiered wage system that means lower pay for workers who started after 2007. Womack started in 2020 and until recently had a second job as a janitor. Both of the UAW members were picketing outside the plant Saturday.

Zelensky tars U.N. as timid on war

HE URGES RUSSIA BE STRIPPED OF VETO

Security Council address puts him steps from foe

BY MICHAEL BIRNBAUM AND JOHN HUDSON

UNITED NATIONS — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday denounced what he called U.N. Security Council inaction on Russia's invasion of his country, in a rare interaction with senior Russian policymakers inside the United Nations.

Clad in an olive-green military-style shirt, Zelensky demanded that countries that violate U.N. principles and unjustly invade other nations be suspended from their Security Council seats. He spoke just steps away from the fiery Russian ambassador to the United Nations, Vasily Nebenzya, who scrolled through his phone and stared ahead with apparent indifference as the Ukrainian leader delivered his address.



Zelensky

"Most of the world recognizes the truth about this war," Zelensky told the chamber. "We should recognize that the U.N. finds itself in a deadlock on the matters of aggression," he said. "World leaders are seeking new platforms and alliances that could reduce the disastrous scope of problems, the problems that are met here within these walls with rhetoric rather than real solutions, with aspirations to compromise with killers, rather than to protect lives."

Zelensky's appearance at a U.N.

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Canadian Sikhs unpack suspected hit on a leader

BY SAMANTHA SCHMIDT

Hardeep Singh Nijjar was in a hurry to leave the temple. It was Father's Day, and his wife and two sons were waiting for him.

On his way out of the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara, Nijjar's Sikh temple in Surrey, British Columbia, he called his 21-year-old son. The family had made pizza, Balraj Singh Nijjar told his father, and had prepared the sweet pudding seviyan, his favorite dessert.

"Have dinner ready," Nijjar told his son. "I'm coming home."

Outside the gurdwara, three men were waiting. They had masks. They were armed.

Less than 10 minutes later, the phone at the Nijjar home rang again.

"Did you hear?" a family friend asked the son. "Something happened at the gurdwara. Your dad was shot."

No arrests have been made in the brazen June 18 killing of Nijjar, the 45-year-old president of the temple. But from the outset, his

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Officials: Fraud, not help, at some sober homes

Hundreds of providers suspended from Arizona's Medicaid program amid claims of bogus billing

BY DAVID OVALLE

PHOENIX — Ruby Foote and her two young daughters were homeless again, crashing with relatives back on the Navajo Nation reservation. So the pitch from a family friend felt like an answered prayer: room and board in a Phoenix sober-living home for at least a year and treatment for Foote's long-time drinking habit.

But at the sober home, tensions flared between residents, Foote recalled. Her 10-year-old daughter felt bullied. And Foote dipped into her own government benefits to buy food for others. Addiction treatment, she said, consisted of long classes at a stuffy outpatient clinic owned by the same people that operated the sober home.

Then, two months later, Foote abruptly found herself homeless again. The outpatient clinic affiliated with the sober home was suspended

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Ruby Foote and her daughters Abbygale, left, and Clynda thought they had found shelter in a sober-living home in Phoenix. Two months later, Foote abruptly found herself homeless again.

ELECTION 2024

Trump draws right's fire after remarks on abortion

BY COLBY ITKOWITZ, RACHEL ROUBEIN, JOSH DAWSEY AND HANNAH KNOWLES

Former president Donald Trump is facing sharp blowback from some antiabortion activists and conservative governors, including his top challenger in the Republican presidential primaries, reflecting the intraparty divisions over an issue the GOP has struggled to navigate since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned last summer.

The tensions center on Trump's recent comments disparaging an abortion ban after six weeks of pregnancy and pledging to work with "both sides" on a federal ban, though abortion rights advocates staunchly oppose such a restriction. Among those rebuking Trump are Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who is running a distant second behind Trump in many polls, and Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, who has frequently appeared with DeSantis on the campaign trail despite staying neutral in the

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• Two Sept. 9 A-section articles incorrectly reported that Elon Musk cut off Starlink service to Ukraine's military as it was attacking the Russian fleet in Crimea last year, based on a new biography of Musk by historian and journalist Walter Isaacson. Isaacson has since said that the account in his book is wrong, and that Musk had never enabled Starlink service within 100 kilometers of the Crimean coast. When the Ukrainians asked that he turn it on to enable their attack, Musk refused, Isaacson now says.

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FDA rejects first needle-free treatment for allergic reactions

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY AND DANIEL GILBERT

Federal regulators refused to approve an epinephrine nasal spray that would have been the first needle-free treatment for serious allergic reactions triggered by certain foods, insect stings and medications, the manufacturer said late Tuesday.

San Diego-based ARS Pharmaceuticals said in a news release that it had received "a complete response" letter from the Food and Drug Administration asking the company to conduct an additional study to support approval of the two-milligram nasal spray, named Neffy. The spray is designed to block allergic reactions — including a life-threatening condition called anaphylaxis, which causes a constriction of the airways, plummeting blood pressure and a racing pulse.

The company expressed disappointment about the FDA's action and said it would file an appeal with the agency over the decision.

"We are very surprised by this action and the late requirement" for additional research before approval, said Richard Lowenthal, president and chief executive of ARS Pharmaceuticals.

The company also said it would conduct the requested study and resubmit its application to the FDA in the first half of next year in hopes of securing an approval in the second half of 2024.

The FDA does not publicly release complete response letters, which explain to companies why their applications were not approved and often contain proprietary information. Such rejections don't rule out future approvals, once the agency's outstanding questions are resolved.

But the decision on Neffy represents at least a temporary setback for ARS.

ARS shares plunged by 56 percent Wednesday to $2.92, less than half what they were worth when the company went public through a merger in November.



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ARS Pharmaceuticals said federal regulators denied its application to market an epinephrine nasal spray for serious allergic reactions, asking the company to conduct an additional study instead.

Currently, epinephrine is administered only by needle — either as part of an auto-injector device, such as EpiPen, or a syringe. ARS had pitched Neffy as a superior alternative to the EpiPen, citing research that many people with severe allergies don't carry their injector devices or delay using them because of fear of needles.

"This reluctance to use needle-based injection devices in a timely manner is often driven by fear," Lowenthal said in a July 2022 call when the company went public, according to a transcript compiled by S&P Global Market Intelligence. "Neffy is needle-free," he said. "It's small and easy to use."

Tim Lugo, an analyst at financial firm William Blair, called the FDA's decision surprising.

"It does raise questions of whether the agency really wants to approve the therapy," he wrote in a research note Wednesday, adding that "regulators look to be holding neffy to a much higher standard than comparable products." Earlier, he had predicted Neffy was likely to be approved and become "a major player in the U.S. epinephrine market," with peak sales of $750 million.

An ARS board member bought company shares in late August for about $23 million, signaling confidence that the stock price would increase.

In May, the agency's outside experts, the Pulmonary-Allergy Drugs Advisory Committee, voted in favor of Neffy, concluding that data presented by ARS showed the benefits of the product outweighed the risks. The vote was 16-6 in favor of approving the drug for adults and 17-5 for children 66 pounds and over. The FDA usually follows the advice of its outside advisers but is not required to do so.

But the advisory committee also acknowledged uncertainty surrounding the product because of a lack of clinical data. Epinephrine has been used for more than a century, before the FDA existed, and has never undergone the agency's rigorous process to prove safety and effectiveness.

Rather, extensive use of epinephrine over decades has shown it is effective in treating allergic reactions. Doctors and ethicists say it would be unethical to provoke a potentially dangerous anaphylactic reaction to test a new product. Severe allergic reactions can be triggered by foods such as peanuts, bee stings and some medications.

ARS has said it submitted information to the FDA showing that Neffy delivered a level of epinephrine consistent with the auto-injector devices and that the way the drug acted in the body was similar to or better than what is seen with those devices.

The company said in its statement Tuesday that the FDA has asked for more research assessing repeat doses of Neffy compared with repeat doses of an injection product. Lowenthal said the FDA previously had indicated that such a study could be conducted after approval.

In late June, the FDA postponed its decision deadline for Neffy by three months to Sept. 19, telling the company that it needed more time to complete its review. At the time, the company said the agency was "working on labeling and post-marketing commitments as the final steps in the review process."

Eric Karas, ARS Pharmaceuticals' chief commercial officer, predicted last year that Neffy would "make the current needle injectors as dated a technology as the flip phone is today."

In June, Viatris, the company that makes EpiPen, disagreed, filing a citizen petition asking the FDA to require ARS Pharmaceuticals to conduct more studies. Viatris was formed in 2020 by the merger of Mylan and Upjohn.

"We have followed Neffy or this intranasal product very closely from the science perspective and actually have some concerns," Rajiv Malik, president of Viatris, said in an August earnings call. "We have raised our voice to highlight those concerns to FDA."

ARS Pharmaceuticals, which created Neffy, brought together many veterans who developed Narcan, the nasal spray used to revive people from opioid overdoses.

Biden extends legal status to 470,000 Venezuelan migrants

BY NICK MIROFF AND ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ

The Biden administration said Wednesday it will offer temporary legal status to more than 470,000 Venezuelan migrants in the United States, announcing the move as U.S. authorities struggle to contend with a border influx in Texas that has stretched holding capacity to the brink.

Biden officials told reporters that Venezuelans who had entered the United States by July 31 would be eligible for temporary protected status, a designation that will shield them from deportation and speed up their ability to obtain U.S. work permits. The announcement was the largest expansion of temporary protected status to date, and more Venezuelans have received the designation than any other nationality, government data shows.

Officials in New York, Chicago and other northern U.S. cities where migrants have strained shelter capacity and social services have been urging Biden to expedite the work permits so newcomers can better support themselves.

More than 6 million Venezuelans have left the country during a decade of political and economic turmoil in their homeland. About 500,000 have been taken into custody at the U.S. border since 2021, the largest Venezuelan migration wave in U.S. history.

"Temporary protected status provides individuals already present in the United States with protection from removal when the conditions in their home country prevent their safe return," Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said in a statement. The designation lasts 18 months and can be renewed by DHS.



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Migrants ride atop a freight train arriving in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, on Wednesday. To ease a border surge, Venezuelans who entered the United States before July 31 are being granted eligibility for temporary protected status, which will shield them from deportation.

Republican critics of the president's border policies say the administration's expanded use of temporary protected status incentivizes illegal crossings.

Roughly 243,000 Venezuelans have temporary legal status through a previous designation, according to DHS. The new protection will cover an additional 472,000 Venezuelans, including those who arrived before August through Biden's expanded use of an immigration authority known as parole.

Biden administration officials also have been under pressure from Democratic lawmakers to grant legal status to the Venezuelans to ease tensions between the White House and New York City Mayor Eric Adams. Many of the more than 60,000 migrants in the New York City shelter system are Venezuelan, and the mayor has said the influx is hammering city budgets.

Rep. Daniel S. Goldman (D-N.Y.), whose district includes part of the city, was among several Democrats who applauded what he called a "much needed executive action" that will allow the Venezuelans "to settle in our great city, fill jobs that the business community has available, and pay taxes while alleviating the untenable financial burden on the City and State."

During a call with reporters, Biden officials said they would fast-track work permits for other newcomers and expand a conditional release program for families that uses GPS monitoring and curfews for migrants awaiting a decision on their asylum claims.

Even as administration officials announced steps to deal with the strains of the migrant influx on U.S. cities, they faced a fresh wave of newcomers along the southern border where illegal crossings have soared to their highest levels since May.

Migrants riding freight trains and crossing the U.S. southern border by the thousands have stretched U.S. agents and detention capacity to the brink in recent days, creating an emergency that is swamping Biden officials' latest efforts to curb illegal crossings.

About 2,600 migrants streamed across the Rio Grande into Eagle Pass, Tex., on Wednesday to surrender to U.S. authorities, the first step in seeking asylum, and officials said another 2,000 were in Mexico preparing to cross.

Eagle Pass Mayor Rolando Salinas, a Democrat, declared a state of emergency. A three-year-old boy drowned Wednesday afternoon after he was swept downriver while crossing with his family, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Many of the migrants arriving in Texas are being quickly processed and released into the United States, because border facilities are at full capacity and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities are 95 percent full, according to three Homeland Security officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak with reporters.

In the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juárez, crowds of dust-covered families climbed out of rail cars and headed for the gates in the U.S. border wall, urging U.S. agents to allow them in.

The Biden administration has urged migrants traveling through Mexico to make an appointment to seek asylum at the U.S. border through a mobile app, CBP One.

But Venezuelans arriving in Ciudad Juárez on Wednesday said relatives who recently crossed told them they didn't need to bother waiting.

"What is the point of the CBP appointment? My brother surrendered, and he got through. We know too many stories of people who got through without an appointment," said Yonder Linarez, 28, who was traveling with 10 members of his extended family.

Linarez said he planned to cross the border and turn himself in to U.S. agents Wednesday evening at the border wall.

Biden officials said the Pentagon would mobilize 800 active-duty personnel to the southern border to ease the strain on U.S. agents, adding to the 2,500 National Guard troops deployed there.

Hernández reported from El Paso and Ciudad Juárez. Maria Sacchetti contributed to this report.

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Wildfires eroding decades of air quality progress in U.S.

Study finds pollution from smoke has undone a quarter of recent gains

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW

In more than a half century since the Clean Air Act was enacted, there have been dramatic improvements in air quality in the United States, as regulations demanding less-polluting cars and factories helped lift cities from clouds of dirty smog.

But a big chunk of recent air quality progress has been rolled back for one reason — wildfire smoke — and it's happening far beyond the smoldering forests of Western states.

Over the past two decades, air quality improvements have slowed or been reversed in most of the country, eroding about a quarter of the recent gains, according to a new study in the journal Nature. Some states — Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Washington and Wyoming — have rolled back 50 percent or more of their progress since 2000. In Oregon and Nevada, wildfire smoke has completely erased their gains.

"We had had so much success, and wildfires, just in five to six years, are really unraveling a lot of this progress," said Marshall Burke, the paper's lead author and a professor of Earth system science at Stanford University. "And that's unfortunate."

The study builds on previous work by Burke and his colleagues, who had created a detailed map of how much wildfire smoke there has been in the country over the past two decades. That effort relied on melding data from air quality sensors, satellite images of smoke plumes, and computer models that could estimate smoke levels in remote areas without sensors.

The new paper seeks to answer the question: What has all this wildfire smoke done to overall air pollution levels?

What they found was sobering.

Data from air quality sensors around the country had been showing steady improvement since 2000 in most states. But around 2016 — and earlier in some Western states — the trend broke. Since then, air quality progress has significantly slowed in 30 states. In 11 others, it began to reverse.

One of the main reasons is wildfire smoke.

The statistical analysis by Burke and his colleagues through 2022 found that wildfire smoke significantly influenced air quality trends in 35 of the contiguous states. States that are still improving would have done so faster without smoke, they found. In some Western states, air quality that otherwise would have kept improving is now getting worse because of that smoke.

"To me it was really a surprising number of states that were being affected," said Marissa Childs, a co-author and a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard University Center for the Environment. "We're really starting to see that impact over the entire country."

Wildfire smoke is not directly regulated by the Clean Air Act and is often harder to manage than other types of air pollution. Fires are irregular in duration and intensity. Smoke can travel huge distances, affecting places far from the source. The Biden administration is pushing to expand prescribed burns and tree-thinning projects — to keep fires smaller and less destructive — while encouraging protections against exposure to smoke.

"This isn't a traditional source of air pollution where you can put a scrubber on a smokestack or something like that," said Jason Sacks, a research epidemiologist with the Environmental Protection Agency. "It's going to be more of community and personal preparedness and trying to figure out what can I do to protect myself and reduce my exposures."

This year has been particularly bad for smoke. Over the summer, hundreds of wildfires burning across Canada poured smoke across the border into the Northeast and other parts of the country less accustomed to orange skies and choking air. There were days in June when New York City had some of the worst air quality of any major city in the world.

Childs said if their study had been redone with 2023 data, "the results we'd find would only be stronger."

The consequences of more smoky days and deteriorating air quality could have profound impacts on Americans' health. Across the country, researchers are trying to unravel what those effects may be.

Many studies have documented how smoky days can send patients into emergency rooms in greater numbers with respiratory, cardiovascular and other problems. Burke, Childs and other researchers published a second study this week in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that found that visits to California emergency rooms between 2006 and 2017 for asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other respiratory symptoms rose more than 30 percent in the week after an extreme smoke day, relative to a day without smoke.

They also found a slight rise in all emergency visits after low or moderate smoke days but a decline in total visits on extreme smoke days, suggesting people may change their behavior under those conditions, possibly staying home and avoiding other potential injuries and accidents that might normally send them to a hospital.

In small towns and rural areas, wildfire smoke can quickly strain hospitals. The influx of respiratory patients can force others to miss out on care they might otherwise get, said Kyle Chapman, an associate professor at the Oregon Institute of Technology.

Chapman's research found that a single day of unhealthy smoke — in the "red" level on the federal government's color-coded scale — gave the hospitals he was studying in central Oregon a 41 percent chance of exceeding their capacity.

"What we're finding is that there is a significant burden that is placed on hospital systems," Chapman said.

The longer-term health consequences of wildfire smoke remain a murkier question.

Few studies have followed people over a multiyear period to document how wildfire smoke has affected their health. One study that did looked at residents from the small town of Seeley Lake, Mont., who lived through an extraordinary run of heavy smoke in 2017, as the Rice Ridge Fire led to weeks of smoky days at "very unhealthy" and "hazardous" levels.

University of Montana toxicologist Christopher Migliaccio tracked residents who lived through that smoke and found they showed significant decreased lung function one and two years afterward, although some of these changes were subtle, he said.

"The lung function was decreased, clinically significant, more than what would be expected in the normal population," he said. "But it's not like suddenly they can't walk out to the car because they're going to lose their breath."

He said more research is needed following people over a longer period, as well as looking into the potential cumulative effects from repeated exposure to heavy smoke.

"Especially like Montana, where almost every other year we're getting smoke events — there's got to be something there," he said.

The work of Burke, Childs and others to quantify how much wildfire smoke there is separate from other sources of air pollution is a first step in trying to understand how harmful all this smoke may be.

Some research has already suggested that wildfire smoke can be worse than other sources of air pollution. In studying hospital admissions in Southern California, Tarik Benmarhnia, an environmental epidemiologist at the University of California at San Diego, and others found that smoke from wildfires can be up to 10 times more harmful to human health than other pollution particles.

"That's also something that is not considered at all by regulations right now," Benmarhnia said.

But with climate models predicting that warmer and drier conditions in the West will worsen, researchers say the onslaught of wildfire smoke isn't going away anytime soon. Smoke was compromising air quality in northern California on Wednesday.

"This problem, if we don't do something about it," Childs said, "is only going to get worse."



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People watch firefighting efforts amid heavy smoke from the Eagle Bluff Fire in Osoyoos, B.C., on July 30. During the summer, hundreds of wildfires across Canada poured smoke across the border into parts of the United States less accustomed to orange skies and choking air.

DIGEST

MICHIGAN

Top court won't revive Flint water charges

The Michigan Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a last-chance effort to revive criminal charges against seven people in the Flint water scandal, waving away an appeal by prosecutors who have desperately tried to get around a 2022 decision that gutted the cases.

The attorney general's office used an uncommon tool — a one-judge grand jury — to hear evidence and return indictments against nine people, including former governor Rick Snyder. But the Supreme Court last year said the process was unconstitutional, and it struck down the charges as invalid.

State prosecutors, however, were undeterred. They returned to Flint courts and argued the charges could be easily revived with a simple refiling of documents. That position was repeatedly rejected all the way to the state's highest court.

Orders were filed in cases against former state health director Nick Lyon, former state medical executive Eden Wells and five other people.

Snyder (R) was charged with willful neglect of duty, a misdemeanor. The indictment against him has also been dismissed, though the state Supreme Court did not address an appeal by prosecutors Wednesday only because that case is on a different timetable.

Managers appointed by Snyder turned the Flint River into a source for Flint water in 2014, but the water wasn't treated to reduce its corrosive impact on old pipes. As a result, lead contaminated the system for 18 months.

Lyon and Wells were charged with involuntary manslaughter. Some experts have attributed a fatal Legionnaires' disease outbreak in 2014-2015 to the water switch. They were accused of not warning the public in a timely manner.

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State agrees to settle in evidence fabrication

Connecticut's attorney general has agreed to a $25.2 million settlement with two men who spent decades in prison for murder, based partly on evidence presented by famed forensic scientist Henry Lee that a judge later found was fabricated.

Ralph "Ricky" Birch and Shawn Henning were convicted in the Dec. 1, 1985, slaying of Everett Carr, after Lee testified there were stains consistent with blood on a towel found in the 65-year-old victim's home in New Milford, 55 miles southwest of Hartford.

A judge vacated the felony murder convictions in 2020, after testing found the towel was free of blood. The two men filed a federal wrongful conviction lawsuit against Lee, eight police investigators and the town of New Milford.

U.S. District Court Judge Victor Bolden ruled in July that there was no evidence Lee ever conducted any blood tests on the towel, and a summary judgment was issued against him.

Under the settlement, which must still be approved by the General Assembly, Birch and Henning would each receive $12.6 million, Attorney General William Tong's office said.

Lee issued a lengthy statement in July denying he fabricated any evidence. He instead suggested the traces of blood may have degraded in the 20 years between the crime and when experts for the defense tested the towel.

Lee, now 84, was the head of the state's forensic laboratory. He shot to fame after his testimony in the 1995 O.J. Simpson murder trial, in which he questioned the handling of blood evidence.

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Abortion rights group changes its name: NARAL Pro-Choice America, an influential abortion rights group, announced Wednesday that it is changing its name to Reproductive Freedom for All. The rebrand was needed to better reflect how people think about abortion access little more than a year after the U.S. Supreme Court revoked the constitutional right to the procedure, the advocacy organization said. The group has gone through several name changes since it was founded in 1969 and launched as the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws. It became the National Abortion Rights Action League when *Roe v. Wade* was decided in 1973, and switched to the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League 20 years later. By 2003, it became NARAL Pro-Choice America.

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Garland defends against GOP accusations of political bias

BY DEVLIN BARRETT, PERRY STEIN AND JACQUELINE ALEMANY

House Republicans confronted Attorney General Merrick Garland on Wednesday with wide-ranging accusations of political bias within the Justice Department, focusing on the investigation of President Biden's son Hunter — a case that has taken a number of unexpected twists in the last year.

Garland repeatedly said he had left the Biden case entirely in the hands of David Weiss, the Trump-appointed U.S. attorney in Delaware, to avoid any possibility of political interference. He insisted the case has been handled carefully and impartially, despite complaints from some of the agents involved that the Justice Department throttled back their work.

For more than five hours, Republicans scoffed at Garland's explanations and erupted indignantly when he refused to discuss specifics of the politically sensitive investigation.

"The fix is in," declared the House Judiciary Committee's chairman, Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio). "Even with the face-saving indictment last week of Hunter Biden, everyone knows the fix is in."

Jordan and others spent some time questioning the two federal indictments of former president Donald Trump, and revisiting long-standing Republican concerns about whether the Justice Department is improperly targeting Catholics and public school parents, among others. But most of their effort was spent pressing the nation's top law enforcement officer to say more about Hunter Biden.

"I promised the Senate that I would not intrude in his investigation. I do not intend to discuss internal Justice Department deliberations, whether or not I had them," Garland said. "I have intentionally not involved myself in the facts of the case, not because I am trying to get out of responsibility, because I am trying to pursue my responsibility."



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Attorney General Merrick Garland testifies before the House Judiciary Committee in Washington on Wednesday, focusing on the Justice Department's investigation into Hunter Biden.

The probe of Hunter Biden's finances began in 2018, during the Trump administration. It became a rallying cry for Republicans during the 2020 election and is likely to be a major focus of the GOP in the 2024 presidential race.

Last month, after a plea deal fell apart in which the younger Biden would have admitted to two violations of tax laws, Garland appointed Weiss as special counsel, giving him a greater, more formal degree of independence to investigate and pursue indictments.

Weiss charged Biden last week with lying on a gun-purchasing form and illegally possession a weapon. He is considering seeking an indictment on tax counts as well, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive ongoing case. Biden is scheduled to be arraigned in court in Wilmington, Del., in early October.

Jordan and other Republicans on the panel repeatedly argued that Garland or his aides had interfered or mishandled the case, and asked why Garland had not replaced Weiss with someone else.

Garland did not answer many of the specific questions about the Biden case, including issues raised by two IRS agent whistleblowers who have claimed Justice Department officials stymied and dragged the investigation. Repeatedly, the attorney general said lawmakers would have to ask Weiss — while also suggesting those answers may have to wait until the investigation is complete and Weiss issues a final report on it.

Garland said he did not consider appointing anyone else to take the role of special counsel investigating Hunter Biden. "Mr. Weiss is an experienced federal prosecutor with extensive experience and with sufficient credibility to be appointed by President Trump," he said.

Democrats defended Garland and accused the Republicans of clownish subservience to Trump, who has been indicted for alleged obstruction of the 2020 election results — actions that led to the Jan. 6, 2021, pro-Trump riot at the U.S. Capitol — and for mishandling classified documents and obstructing government efforts to get them back.

"Mr. Attorney General, you are serious. They are not," Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.) said. "You are decent. They are not. You are fair. They are not."

Pointing to Jordan and the others at the hearing, Swalwell sarcastically added: "I welcome you to the law firm of Insurrection LLP, where they work every single day on behalf of one client."

While Republicans often ran hot, at times speaking over Garland, interrupting him or offering acerbic asides, most of the attorney general's answers were delivered in a calm, sometimes raspy tone. But his temper flared when one lawmaker accused federal law enforcement of religious discrimination. Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R-N.J.) made claims of abuses by the department, then asked, "Do you agree that traditional Catholics are violent extremists?"

"The idea that someone with my family background would discriminate against any religion is so outrageous, so absurd," the usually soft-spoken Garland said, referring to family members lost to the Holocaust. "Catholics are not extremists, no."

Van Drew was referring to a January memo written by the FBI's Richmond office suggesting that traditional Catholic groups were worth considering "for tripwire and source development." In FBI parlance, "tripwires" are programs designed to develop relationships with businesses or people that might provide tips to law enforcement about suspicious behavior. Such tripwire programs have long existed, for example, with businesses that sell beauty supply chemicals that can also be used to make explosives.

The FBI memo said extremists find "radical-traditionalist Catholic" ideology attractive and will "continue to attempt to connect with" such Catholic adherents. After Republicans charged that the memo showed law enforcement officials were targeting Catholics, FBI officials withdrew the document and said it was wrong.

Garland again disavowed the memo Wednesday. Throughout his testimony, he rejected Republican claims that the department conducts criminal investigations with a bias toward anyone's politics or background.

"There is not one set of laws for the powerful and another for the powerless; one for the rich, another for the poor; one for Democrats, another for Republicans; or different rules, depending upon one's race or ethnicity or religion," Garland said.

White House officials denounced the hearing as a sideshow from the looming threat of a government shutdown, which seems more likely as the GOP-controlled House has so far been unable to muster enough votes to fund the basic functions of government for the coming months.

"Extreme House Republicans are running a not-so-sophisticated distraction campaign to try to cover up their own actions that are hurting America to a dangerous and costly government shutdown," White House spokesperson Ian Sams said. "They cranked up a circus of a hearing full of lies and disinformation with the sole goal of baselessly attacking President Biden and his family."

McCormick readies fresh bid for Senate in Pennsylvania

BY MARISA IATI

David McCormick, a former hedge fund executive who lost a Republican primary for Senate last year in Pennsylvania, on Thursday will announce another run at representing the state in the chamber, according to a Republican strategist close to his nascent campaign and another person familiar with the announcement.

McCormick intends to announce his bid to topple Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr. (D-Pa.), who has served in the Senate since 2007, during a speech in Pittsburgh, the people said. McCormick's candidacy will serve as a test of whether Republicans can flip a seat in what has historically been a battleground state.

Pennsylvania had a Republican senator and a Democratic senator for more than a decade until Sen. Patrick J. Toomey (R) retired in January. Sen. John Fetterman, a Democrat, picked up the seat last year after a bruising Republican primary battle elevated television celebrity physician Mehmet Oz as the party's nominee.

Republican Party officials have told McCormick, who finished second to Oz last year, that they will coalesce around him this time.

Pennsylvania state Sen. Doug Mastriano, the far-right Republican nominee for governor last year who previously said he was "praying" on whether to make a bid for U.S. Senate, announced in May that he would not run.

In an interview Monday on Real America's Voice, Mastriano voiced support for McCormick.

"It's time to unify," he said.

A 58-year-old veteran and former U.S. Treasury Department official, McCormick has been working for months to prepare for another Senate run. In March, he spoke at a meeting of the National Republican Senatorial Committee and published a book detailing his vision for the country.

McCormick is already facing barbs from Democrats about whether he truly lives in Pennsylvania. He changed his residency from Connecticut last year to run for office. The Associated Press reported last month that in addition to his home in Pittsburgh, McCormick rents a $16 million mansion in Westport, Conn.

Fetterman shared a meme in August to mock McCormick as not a true Pennsylvania resident and urged his followers to support Casey. Last week, the state's Democratic Party published a video called "Where's Dave," interviewing residents of McCormick's purported neighborhood who said they had never seen him there.



David McCormick lost the GOP primary to Mehmet Oz, who then lost to John Fetterman.

As a first-time political candidate last year, McCormick cast himself as an ally of former president Donald Trump — identifying as an "America First" candidate and leaning on high-profile Trump allies as campaign advisers. Ultimately, the former president endorsed Oz, who went on to beat McCormick by a slim margin.

In addition to Pennsylvania, Republican operatives hope to pick up Senate seats in Montana, West Virginia and Ohio — states with incumbent Democratic senators that Trump won in 2020. Republicans would need two seats, or one plus the vice president, who breaks ties in the chamber, to gain the majority.

Pennsylvania was the only state that year where a Senate seat flipped from red to blue.

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Trump, who paved way for Roe repeal, faces abortion blowback from the right

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primaries. Both signed state laws barring many abortions, setting the bar at a point before many even know they are pregnant.

The former president returned to Iowa on Wednesday, the first GOP nominating state — and one where abortion is a potent issue for many social conservatives expected to participate in January's caucuses. During remarks in Dubuque, he touted his role in overturning *Roe.*

"And last year I was able to do something that nobody thought was possible," Trump said. "And you have to really think about this, study this, because its very important, we ended *Roe v. Wade.* I did something that for 52 years people talked, they spent vast amounts of money in fighting it, but they couldn't get the job done. Fifty-two years they fought and they fought hard. … They couldn't get the job done. I got the job done. I got it done."

He also warned against Republicans taking positions such as banning abortion even in the case of rape, incest or health of the mother. "Without the exceptions, it is very difficult to win elections," he said. "We would probably lose the majorities in 2024 without the exceptions and perhaps the presidency itself."

The frictions have cast a renewed spotlight on Trump's long shifting posture on the issue of abortion. Even as he faces criticism from some in his party, Democrats are seeking to remind voters of the steps he took to curtail abortion rights as president. And many Republicans have been quiet about his posture, in part a reflection of his strength in the party and the belief by many that he will be the nominee. Over the years, Trump's publicly stated positions have spanned from his support of abortion rights as a private citizen, to his Supreme Court nominees who helped overturn *Roe,* to his more recent efforts to appear less extreme on a divisive topic.

"His comments left a lot of folks in the life movement confused because he did such a great job in undoing *Roe v. Wade,*" said Roger Severino, a vice president at the conservative the Heritage Foundation who led the federal health department's civil rights office during the Trump administration.

Trump has dodged attempts to pin him down on his views about abortion bans and the point at which one should kick in. "It could be state or it could be federal. I don't frankly care," he said in an interview broadcast Sunday on NBC's "Meet The Press."

He especially angered some antiabortion advocates when he called the six-week ban DeSantis enacted in Florida a "terrible thing and a terrible mistake" and said Republicans "speak very inarticulately about this subject."

"It's never a 'terrible thing' to protect innocent life," Reynolds wrote Tuesday on X, the social media website formerly known as Twitter. "I'm proud of the fetal heartbeat bill the Iowa legislature passed and I signed in 2018 and again earlier this year," she added, using a term favored by antiabortion advocates.

DeSantis then shared her post and applauded her. "Donald Trump is wrong to attack the heartbeat bill as 'terrible.' Standing for life is a noble cause," he added, part of a volley of more direct attacks on the GOP polling leader this week.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp (R), a vocal Trump critic who refused to join his efforts to overturn President Biden's 2020 election victory, sounded similar notes, writing, "there's nothing 'terrible' about standing up for life."

Last year's Supreme Court ruling allowed states such as Florida, Iowa and Georgia to try to enact bans on most abortions. Iowa's ban has been blocked in court.

The court decision also helped galvanize abortion rights advocates to turn out at the polls to strike down antiabortion ballot measures in some conservative states, and Democrats who ran heavily on protecting abortion access found success in key battlegrounds. Since that time, Republicans have pushed different approaches on the issue, with some advocating what they say is a more compromising posture. With an eye on 2024, many Democrats are reminding voters of Trump's record as president and already gearing up to run heavily on abortion once again.

"Let's be clear: Donald Trump is responsible for ending *Roe v. Wade.* And if you vote for him, he'll go even further," Biden recently wrote on X. Earlier this month, the Biden campaign released an online ad highlighting Republican candidates on abortion, an early signal of how prominent the issue is likely to be in his reelection bid.

Within the crowded GOP presidential field, no clear consensus has emerged over whether to enact a federal ban on abortion at a certain point in pregnancy. DeSantis has repeatedly dodged directly answering whether he'd support nationwide restrictions, while former vice president Mike Pence has leaned into his longtime antiabortion credentials, calling for abortions to be banned in every state. Those divisions were on full display during the first GOP primary debate last month, underscoring how tricky the specifics of abortion policy has become for Republicans since *Roe* was overturned.

It remains to be seen how the issue will affect the standing in the GOP race of Trump, who holds a commanding lead and whose appeal to many supporters is not tied to specific policies.

Ralph Reed, founder and chairman of the Faith and Freedom Coalition, said the former president "will have a little more wiggle room with primary voters probably because of his record on the life issue as president," but that Trump's position that the six-week abortion ban is terrible "is not the position of our members, or the evangelical voters in Iowa."

Dave Wilson, a conservative strategist in South Carolina, where the governor recently signed a six-week ban, said Republicans in his state "are not going to think that law is terrible" and that it could alienate some Republican voters.

Despite the pressure to take a firm position, two people who have spoken with Trump about abortion said the president is steadfast in his refusal to be tied to a specific number of weeks on abortion. One of these people said the former president has said that the six-week bills are extreme and wants to instead talk about "exceptions." Trump often talks about the topic as a general election one and not a primary one, both of these people said. They spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private conversations.

Kellyanne Conway, a longtime Trump adviser who has pushed him to accept a 15-week national ban, said in an interview that such a position is "both concession and compassion." Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.), a Trump ally who has lobbied him on the issue, is continuing to talk to others about bringing up a 15-week federal ban in the Senate, according to people familiar with the discussions. Graham didn't respond to a request for comment.

Some voters in key early states said they were concerned about Trump's recent comments. Standing outside a church in West Des Moines on Sunday afternoon, Denise and Dave Bubeck said they were surprised to learn of Trump's opposition to a six-week ban.

"'I'm the most pro-life president ever' — that's what he said, so it seems like he would be for the heartbeat bill," said Denise Bubeck, who is president of the local political group Capitol Region Republican Women. She added that being against it "doesn't resonate with Iowans because the Republicans of Iowa are very pleased" with the six-week law.

Chris Hanley, a South Carolina physician who is also a youth minister, said he was considering both Trump and DeSantis in the GOP primary until he heard Trump's comments on abortion this past weekend.

"This idea that a human life, an unborn child is reduced to a negotiating position is appalling to me," Hanley said on Wednesday, shortly after donating to DeSantis and telling a local DeSantis supporter that he was ready to commit. "I am going to volunteer as much time as I have available."

Trump's comments have given his primary opponents — who have often appeared wary of attacking the former president too harshly given his deep base of support in the party — a fresh opening to differentiate themselves from him.

An official with Never Back Down, a super PAC supporting DeSantis, said Wednesday that over the past 48 hours they have gotten outreach from many pastors and other faith leaders upset about Trump's statements on abortion. A DeSantis adviser, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal campaign deliberations, said they were thrilled to have audio of Trump attacking the Florida law. "Now you have to imagine we can make every pro-life voter in Iowa hear this," the adviser said.

Trump's views on abortion have shifted dramatically over the years. During an appearance on "Meet the Press" in 1999, Trump referred to himself as "very pro-choice," though said he personally hated abortion.

By 2011, when he started seriously exploring a political run, Trump started referring to himself as "pro-life." In 2016, when he was a leading candidate for president, he made headlines for saying that there should be "some form of punishment" for a woman who gets an abortion. The next day, Trump walked back those comments and said in a statement that "the doctor or any other person performing this illegal act upon a woman would be held legally responsible, not the woman."

Trump won over skeptical conservative GOP voters in 2016 by releasing a list of antiabortion judges he pledged to appoint to the Supreme Court as president. Over his four years in office, he nominated three to the nation's highest court — all of whom voted to overturn *Roe.*

But, since then, Trump has blamed GOP losses in the midterms on the party staking stances that are too extreme on abortion. Trump repeated that sentiment on Friday during remarks in Washington, saying Republicans "don't know how to discuss the subject. We do have to hold on to office, we do have to win. And we can win elections on this issue, but it's very delicate and explaining it properly is an extremely important thing."

Although a federal abortion ban of any kind is unlikely to pass the narrowly divided Congress, some antiabortion groups say GOP presidential hopefuls should clearly lay out their stance on federal restrictions. One leading antiabortion group, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, said it won't endorse any candidate who doesn't support at least a 15-week ban on most abortions, which Trump has so far failed to do.

"Trump was wrong in attacking the heartbeat bill in Florida," Marjorie Dannenfelser, the group's president, said in a statement.

Isaac Arnsdorf in Dubuque, Iowa, and Marianne LeVine contributed to this report.

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Belek has hosted several other televised international events, attracting legendary players from the sport. The Turkish Airlines Open 2013 was perhaps the most memorable, with Tiger Woods hitting the first-ever tee shot from Asia to Europe on the Bosphorus Bridge before flying down to Belek to headline Türkiye's first-ever European Tour event. There, he joined champions including Lee Westwood, Charl Schwartzel, Rory McIlroy, Hunter Mahan, Justin Rose and Webb Simpson. If you wish to also compete on the exquisite courses of Belek, be sure to explore the Pro-Am tournaments organized by the various Belek golf clubs.

In recent years, the sport has surged as the recreational activity of choice for many looking to enjoy the outdoors, the fresh air and an exhilarating few rounds. For those planning to hit the links against the opulent backdrop of the Turkish Riviera —maybe even shave a few strokes off their scorecards— there's no better choice than the spectacular courses of Belek.


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Red states quit nation's oldest library group amid books culture war

BY HANNAH NATANSON

Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) picked an unusual foil during a recent Judiciary Committee hearing about the historic rise in challenges to school books.

When it was his turn to question witnesses, he called up a video of Deborah Caldwell-Stone, director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom. In a Zoom call, Caldwell-Stone had been recorded arguing that book advocates should "reframe" the book challenges. This debate should not center on whether titles are sexually inappropriate for minors, Caldwell-Stone said. It should be about "diverse materials . . . that are about . . . everybody's right to see themselves and their families reflected" on bookshelves.

Lee let the recording play out, then pounced. "What we saw here was someone saying the quiet part out loud," he said. "The goal is to sexualize children — to provide minors with sexually explicit material . . . and then hide this content from the parents."

The American Library Association is facing a partisan firefight unlike anything in its almost 150-year history. The once-uncontroversial organization, which says it is the world's largest and oldest library association and which provides funding, training and tools to most of the country's 123,000 libraries, has become entangled in the education culture wars — the raging debates over what and how to teach about race, sex and gender — culminating in a senatorial name-check.

Like Lee, politicians and parents on the right increasingly paint the association, known as the ALA, as a defender of pornographic literature for children — tying their allegations into a broader conservative movement that asserts school libraries are filled with sexually explicit, inappropriate texts. (A 2022 tweet in which the organization's president called herself "a Marxist lesbian" added to concerns.)

Over the summer, state libraries in Montana, Missouri and Texas announced that they were severing ties with the ALA, imperiling their libraries' access to funding and training. The Texas decision was taken after state Rep. Brian Harrison (R) wrote to library leaders saying that "the ALA works against parents by fighting to keep pornographic materials in public libraries." Conservative legislators in at least nine additional states are urging their state libraries to follow suit and disaffiliate. That includes Alabama, where state Rep. Susan DuBose in August published an op-ed calling the ALA "a conduit" for pornography. Four days later, Gov. Kay Ivey (R) wrote to her state's library saying she was worried about "the environment" in libraries statewide and feared the ALA was "making the situation worse."

Meanwhile, librarians and those on the political left are defending the ALA as a key provider of money and skills for librarians, a trusted authority on efforts to censor books and a champion of citizens' freedom to read. For more than 20 years, the ALA has tracked book challenges at school and public libraries; during the Judiciary Committee hearing, Democratic senators often pointed to data from the association to support their arguments.

In particular, they cited an ALA report tracking 1,269 attempts to remove library books in 2022, the highest number of challenges to books since the ALA began compiling statistics on the issue. A Washington Post analysis found that books about LGBTQ people are fast becoming the main target and that a large percentage of complaints about books come from a small number of highly active adults.

"What we're seeing is a lot of fear from people, a very vocal minority that has managed to paint the wrong picture of the majority of public libraries," said Susan Gregory, the director of Bozeman Public Library in Montana.

The disaffection with the ALA is unprecedented and related to larger societal tendencies to refuse vaccines and to doubt climate change, said University of Pennsylvania professor Jonathan Zimmerman, who studies the history of education. He said that for more than a century, the ALA benefited from "professional deference" as the leading organization for librarians.

That deference is gone.

"We used to trust our librarians to make judgments," he said. "This is just another chapter in the erosion of professional authority."

Caldwell-Stone, who attended the hearing, said she was sad but unsurprised that her organization is coming into the country's political crosshairs. She said the seconds-long video that Lee played was taken from a 90-minute seminar. She was specifically discussing how to respond to parents who call picture books pornographic "simply for featuring families headed by same-sex couples," she said.

"I can stand by what I said in the past, in the future, now, whatever," Caldwell-Stone said. "But — you know, it goes with the territory now. I guess this is just what's happening."

'They're finally listening'

Founded on Oct. 6, 1876, in Philadelphia by 103 male and female librarians, the American Library Association took as its original mission helping "librarians do their present work more easily and at less expense." Its motto soon became — and remains — "The best reading, for the largest number, at the least cost."

Over the century and a half since, the organization has mushroomed to include chapters in all 50 states — as well as D.C., Guam and the Virgin Islands — and nearly 50,000 members. Today it sends on average $12 million to libraries every year and provides thousands of hours of professional training. It also helps libraries navigate federal grant applications, hosts a scholarship program for librarians of color and accredits library and information-science schools nationwide.

Public libraries draw most of their funding — covering essentials such as employee salaries, office supplies and book purchases — from city and county taxes, according to library advocacy group EveryLibrary. Federal grants, which the ALA helps libraries to obtain, as well as money from the ALA, make up a relatively small percentage of most libraries' budgets. Still, extra federal cash allows libraries to purchase access to expensive databases including those focused on genealogy records, as well as to offer popular amenities such as summer reading programs, portable WiFi hotspots, adult classes and other initiatives for children. ALA money, meanwhile, often goes to scholarships or free travel for librarians to professional conferences. And the ALA trainings and online courses cover a range of activities including cataloguing, marketing, and intellectual freedom and copyright issues.

Librarians say the organization's work is vital.

Conrrado Saldivar, a librarian in Natrona County, Wyo., who serves as head of his state's chapter of the ALA, praised what he called its first-class trainings. Gregory, the director of Montana's Bozeman Library, said the ALA facilitates conversations between librarians in far-flung places and "broadens your views of what good library service looks like."

In Arizona, the ALA gave out $1.9 million in program grants over the past two years, much of it used to buy books and computers in small, rural libraries, said Erin MacFarlane, the legislative committee chair for the Arizona Library Association. Her association is facing pressure from conservative parents and politicians to divest from ALA, she said, but has so far resisted.

But others say the ALA has strayed from its mission. Apart from allegations that the organization helps to expose children to pornography, some take issue with what they call political views advanced by the association's leaders.

In April 2022, freshly elected ALA President Emily Drabinski tweeted her joy that she, "a Marxist lesbian who believes that collective power is possible to build and can be wielded for a better world," had won the top job. Drabinski wrote in a statement to The Post that "just like any American, I am entitled to my freedom of thought and expression. However, I want to make clear that my views, beliefs, and ideologies are mine alone and are not shared by the American Library Association."

The Montana State Library Commission voted to leave the ALA in July, the month Drabinski took office, because its Constitution "forbids association with an organization led by a Marxist." The Texas State Library and Archives Commission left the ALA in August, shortly after Harrison, the state representative, urged it to do so, citing Drabinski's tweet.

"I am proud to have successfully led the fight against them in Texas," Harrison said in a statement. "No taxpayer should have to subsidize a Marxist and socialist led organization like the American Library Association."

In Missouri, Secretary of State John Ashcroft said he became aware of the ALA in July when someone showed him a video of Caldwell-Stone giving tips to librarians on how to restrict which groups can host events in library spaces. Caldwell-Stone was specifically detailing how libraries could reject story hours held by BRAVE Books, a Christian, conservative publisher of "faith-based children's books."

After checking to ensure he had the power to dissolve ties with the ALA — he did, given that he oversees the state library — he wrote a short letter to the ALA's executive director informing her that he had directed his staff to "discontinue any future financial payments" to the association.

"We're happily gone," Ashcroft said in an interview. "Tax dollars will not be used for this junk, for . . . pushing librarians to disallow services because they disagree with someone's political beliefs."

Caldwell-Stone said her comments about BRAVE Books were made as part of a presentation she has given for years about how libraries can avoid hosting disruptive events — and that she was not targeting BRAVE Books for its Christian beliefs. In fact, elsewhere in the presentation she emphasized libraries cannot deny hosting privileges to anyone on the basis of their political views, religion or background. She said Brave Books has a reputation for inviting hundreds of attendees to rooms too small to contain them.

BRAVE Books chief executive and founder Trent Talbot wrote in a statement that "we were thrilled to hear that three states have cut ties" with the ALA and that "we hope to see more concerned citizens push their state and local representatives to follow suit."

To some, the controversies over Caldwell-Stone and Drabinski's remarks suggest a pattern. The ALA is stepping outside its former role as a neutral arbiter and into partisan activism, said Frederick Hess, the director of education policy studies at the conservative American Enterprise Institute — and he said the ALA is not alone. He pointed to the National School Boards Association's 2021 declaration that school board protesters were engaging in "domestic terrorism." Then there was the Southern Poverty Law Center's decision this year to label parents' rights group Moms for Liberty as "extremist."

"Whatever the internal justification is, I think what's happened is groups like the ALA are no longer trying to stay out of the political debate," he said. "And when you choose to be a combatant, you get dragged."

Watching the hubbub from his home in New Jersey, Dan Kleinman is feeling gleeful.

Twenty-four years ago, Kleinman's kindergartner son brought home "Mangaboom," a book Kleinman felt contained an age-inappropriate reference to skinny-dipping. When a school official told him the book made it into the library because it was ALA approved, Kleinman said, he launched what became a decades-long campaign of blogging to expose what he calls the ALA's provision of pornographic books to children.

"I have been reporting on this for 24 years," he said. "Now they're listening. They're finally listening."



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Then-American Library Association Executive Director Mary Ghikas speaks at the Nashville Public Library in 2019. Librarians are defending the ALA as a champion of citizens' freedom to read.

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Pa. adds automatic voter registration to DMV renewals

BY MARISA IATI

Pennsylvania announced Tuesday that it has implemented automatic voter registration to ease the process of casting a ballot, joining 23 other states and the District of Columbia.

Residents who are eligible to vote and who obtain or renew a driver's license or identification card at Pennsylvania's Department of Motor Vehicles now will be guided through the voter registration process by default. If they don't want to be added to the voter rolls, they have to actively opt out.

The change fulfills a campaign promise by Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro (D), whose state is likely to be crucial to the 2024 presidential race. He promoted the new system Tuesday as a "common sense" step to make elections more secure and less costly for taxpayers.

"Look, this is common sense. You already provide proof of identity, residency, age and citizenship at the DMV — all the information you need to register to vote," Shapiro said in a video posted on X, formerly known as Twitter.

Democratic incumbent Barack Obama won Pennsylvania in the presidential election in 2012, while Republican Donald Trump picked up the state in 2016. Joe Biden flipped Pennsylvania back to blue in 2020. In each case, the candidate who won Pennsylvania also won the election.

About 8.7 million of the more than 10.3 million Pennsylvanians who are eligible to vote are registered. Closing gaps like that is a goal of the advocacy group When We All Vote, whose interim executive director, Laura Miller, said integrating voter registration with processes in which residents already engage — like renewing a driver's license — increases the number of people who sign up.

Automatic voter registration particularly benefits young people heading to college and anyone else who moves and otherwise might forget to update their voter registration, Miller said.

"Voter suppression is still something that is happening in states across the country," she said, noting that people of color, people with disabilities and young people are particularly affected. "So any way that we can improve access to the ballot box is a win."

U.S. residents have been able to register to vote at their state's motor vehicles department since the implementation of a 1993 federal law that requires states to offer that option. The difference in jurisdictions with automatic voter registration is that eligible residents don't have to go out of their way to opt in.

Oregon became the first state to enact automatic voter registration in 2015, and nearly two dozen states have followed. States with automatic voter registration are largely led by Democratic governors. Republicans in some GOP-controlled state legislatures have sought to tighten voting laws by requiring proof of identification when voting by mail and strengthening investigations of alleged election-related wrongdoing.

Critics of automatic voter registration question whether a by-default process can adequately ensure that only people who are eligible can sign up to vote. Stephen Miller, a senior adviser to Trump, the Republican presidential front-runner, speculated Tuesday on social media, without citing any evidence, that Pennsylvania's law would meet that pitfall.

"I can promise you, there will be no citizenship verification," Miller tweeted, despite assurances from Shapiro to the contrary.

Miller has previously sought to advance unfounded arguments about election security.

Asked to respond to Miller's social media post during a Wednesday morning appearance on CNN, Shapiro dismissed his claim.

"I am not going to respond to Stephen Miller. That guy's a dope who can't tell the truth," Shapiro said.

Although automatic registration tends to substantially increase registration rates, newly registered people are less likely to cast ballots, according to a California-based study published in 2021. The researchers wrote that the effects of automatic registration increase the longer the policy is in place.

In 2019, researchers at the Brennan Center for Justice found that automatic registration led to increases in registrants ranging from 9 to 94 percent in various states. The pattern held in states with different partisan makeups.

Senate confirms Joint Chiefs chairman in respite from Tuberville blockade

BY MARIANA ALFARO, DAN LAMOTHE AND ABIGAIL HAUSLOHNER

The Senate on Wednesday confirmed Air Force Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr. as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, with Democrats briefly relenting in their ongoing feud with Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) to push through President Biden's nominee for the military's top job.

The 83-11 vote avoids what had been the embarrassing prospect of a temporary administrator filling the Pentagon's most prestigious post. Yet it leaves about 300 other senior officers ensnared in Tuberville's months-long hold on military promotions with no clear path to advancement, as the underlying political standoff over the Defense Department's abortion policy exhibits no signs of abating.

Brown, who becomes only the second African American, after Gen. Colin Powell, to ascend to the chairman's post, was confirmed after Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) chose to peel away the nomination for an individual vote. Senior officer promotions are typically approved by the Senate through unanimous consent to avoid lengthy floor debates and the politicization of votes around military commanders.

Schumer also moved forward with what could be individual confirmation votes on Marine Corps Gen. Eric M. Smith and Army Gen. Randy George to lead their respective services, appearing to leave open the possibility that the Senate will move to install new heads of the Navy and Air Force once their nominations clear scrutiny from the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The 11 senators voting against Brown were all Republicans: Mike Braun (Ind.), Ted Cruz (Tex.), Josh Hawley (Mo.), Mike Lee (Utah), Roger Marshall (Kan.), Eric Schmitt (Mo.), J.D. Vance (Ohio), Ron Johnson (Wis.), Cynthia M. Lummis (Wyo.), Marco Rubio (Fla.) and Tuberville.

A spokesperson for Brown said the general had no immediate comment.

In a statement congratulating the general, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin called him "a tremendous leader" and said "it is well past time" to confirm the other military nominees. "The brave men and women of the U.S. military deserve to be led by highly-qualified general and flag officers at this critical moment for our national security," he added.



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Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) walks to the Senate floor Wednesday after Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) maneuvered to hold votes on military nominees. Action involving top Army and Marine Corps posts is expected Thursday.

Tuberville imposed his hold on all senior military nominations in February, staging a dramatic protest of the financial assistance rendered to service members and their dependents who must leave the state where they are stationed to obtain an abortion. The Biden administration established the travel-reimbursement policy after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022, as Republican-led states began to ban or severely restrict access to reproductive health care.

Until Wednesday, Democrats had refused to vote on the nominations individually, as Tuberville suggested they should. Schumer and other Democrats had long argued that to deviate from the Senate's standard procedure of approving noncontroversial military nominations in large batches would serve only to encourage other lawmakers with political grievances to attempt a similar gambit, but they reversed course with Brown's soon-to-be predecessor, Gen. Mark A. Milley, approaching his Sept. 30 legal deadline to step down from the chairman's post.

An independent assessment by the Congressional Research Service last month found that working on all frozen nominations one-by-one would take months, even if the Senate focused on virtually nothing else.

After Brown's confirmation vote, the Senate late Wednesday approved a motion to advance George's nomination to lead the Army, with a final confirmation vote expected sometime Thursday. Efforts to advance Smith's nomination to take over the Marines also should take place Thursday.

In a statement attacking Tuberville as "the sole cause of this crisis," Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.), who chairs the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that Democrats "have no problem with voting on the most senior military officers" instead of the usual process of unanimous consent.

"We are disturbed, however, by Republicans' interest in voting exclusively on a few select officers while hundreds of other officers and their families are punished," he added. "Democrats pursued every opportunity we could before taking this route, and I hope Republicans understand the terrible message they are sending to the force."

Earlier Wednesday, after Schumer threatened to keep lawmakers in the Senate over the weekend, they voted overwhelmingly — 89-8 — to advance Brown's nomination for a final vote. Tuberville voted against doing so.

Tuberville did not object to the votes. But moments after the Senate moved to advance Brown's nomination for final consideration, the freshman senator cast blame on Democrats for the state of play and vowed to continue his hold on the other military nominations unless the Pentagon changes its abortion policy.

He argued that Schumer "could have confirmed these nominees a long, long time ago" if he had agreed to approve each nomination individually.

"We could have been confirming one or two a week for the last 200 days," Tuberville said, alleging that Democrats simply did not want to work. "Senators are perfectly capable of voting. Voting is our job."

Shortly thereafter, Tuberville reiterated his long-standing conditions for relenting.

"If the Pentagon lifts the policy, then I will lift the hold. It's as easy as that," he said.

Tuberville's words on the Senate floor Wednesday echoed his previous promise to hold up nominations until Defense Secretary Lloyd T. Austin "rescinds or suspends" the policy. In February, when he first mounted his opposition, Tuberville argued that his position is about "not forcing the taxpayers of this country to fund abortion."

But on the Senate floor Wednesday, Schumer said that Tuberville's position is forcing the Senate to move through these first three key military key positions, arguing that any further delays could pose a risk to national security.

Schumer said that, for more than six months, Tuberville has continued his "brazen, reckless hold of hundreds of routine, nonpolitical promotions of senior military officers."

"Due to the extraordinary circumstances of Senator Tuberville's reckless decisions, Democrats will take action," Schumer said. "Democrats have said all along that these promotions should move forward together, as these nominations have for decades in the past. They should have happened a long time ago. They should have happened the way these promotions have been done in the Senate until Senator Tuberville arrived."

National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Wednesday that, while "obviously it's good" that the Senate is moving forward on confirming the three nominees, lawmakers should have never been put in this position.

He said that although Schumer's move to force the confirmation votes through is "esoterically just good" for the three officers and the military branches they represent, it "doesn't fix the problem or provide a path forward" for the hundreds of other nominations still pending.

The situation is not "good for U.S. national security," Kirby said. "This is a larger problem. It's caused by one man, one senator who, despite his claims to the contrary, is actually politicizing the United States military."

Currently, because of Tuberville's holds, the Army, Navy and Marine Corps have no Senate-confirmed chiefs. It was not immediately clear whether Schumer might move for votes on any of the other open positions.

Brown, Milley's successor, was lauded as a well-qualified candidate in a hearing in July by members of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He has served for the past three years as the top officer in the Air Force, and previously held positions overseeing operations in the Pacific, Europe and the Middle East.

Smith, the acting commandant of the Marine Corps since July, and George, the acting chief of staff of the Army since August, also are expected to be easily confirmed if put up for a vote. Smith told reporters at a conference this month that effectively holding the service's top two positions at the same time is "not sustainable."

While about 300 high-level military positions have been affected by Tuberville's hold so far, the number is expected to rise to about 650 of the Defense Department's 852 by the end of the year, Defense Department officials have said.

Republican leadership has also opposed Tuberville's holds, with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) saying in May that he doesn't "support putting a hold on military nominations."

House traditions allow extreme minority of Republicans to dictate agenda

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The Founding Fathers drew up a Constitution that empowered minority rights, but specifically steered clear of something that was common in the 18th century Polish Parliament.

Often invoked with the Latin phrase "*Sisto activitatem!*" ("I stop the activity"), a single Polish lawmaker could declare the end of that particular session and nullify all laws adopted. The ensuing legislative paralysis allowed neighboring armies to invade and carve up a defenseless Poland.

Today's Congress isn't operating under the "liberum veto," as scholars called that tradition, but the increasing accumulation of power by a small band of Republicans has left the House almost completely dysfunctional.

"The founders, such as Alexander Hamilton, would have looked with horror on what is happening today. The House Republicans are playing with fire," said Daniel Ziblatt, a Harvard University professor focused on democracies.

Ziblatt and Harvard's Steven Levitsky just released their book "Tyranny of the Minority," an examination of how American democracy is increasingly dictated by the minority party through obscure rules, customs and traditions in Congress.

The past decade has produced a bounty of work in this field, with a huge amount of focus on the Senate's filibuster tradition allowing some very popular pieces of legislation to get stymied.

But the past two weeks have introduced an entirely different level of minority rule. Any senator needs to find 40 other like-minded comrades to tie the Senate in knots, leaving 59 others frustrated.

In the House, with a very narrow Republican majority, rules and tradition have been so contorted that as few as five members — out of 435 districts — are controlling the chamber and dictating outcomes.

Just before the House adjourned in late July for its summer break, a small group of about 15 far-right conservatives forced Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) to pull the usually easy task of approving funding for the Agriculture Department. Last week, the same group forced GOP leaders to pull consideration of the Defense Department funding bill — also usually an easy bill to pass.

On Tuesday, five Republicans banded together with 209 Democrats to vote against the rules to set up debate on the defense bill, just enough to deliver a humiliating defeat to McCarthy's leadership team.

It's the second time in four months this small bloc of hard-right lawmakers defeated the rules vote, something that is critical but traditionally a perfunctory roll call in which the majority party votes yes and the minority votes no. Only one other rule vote has failed this century, more than two decades ago.

Moreover, that small faction has seized control of the broader House GOP agenda with threats to sabotage any future rules vote unless the legislation is drawn up precisely to the liking of this minuscule group of lawmakers.

All of this has left McCarthy legislatively impotent, unable to pass even the most basic legislation and hurtling toward a government shutdown in 10 days that he desperately wants to avoid.

"I don't ever recall a time where the speakership is so weak. We all know what's going on here," said Rep. Jim McGovern (Mass.), a 27-year veteran of the House and the top Democrat on the House Rules Committee.

What's going on is that, in addition to threatening to block rule votes to sabotage legislation deemed insufficiently conservative, these few hard-right Republicans are also issuing threats to use even more obscure procedural motions to toss McCarthy out of his job.

The most rational option for the speaker would normally be to negotiate with Democrats, who want to keep the government open and are ideologically disposed to like having a functioning Congress.



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Morning light illuminates a statue of President Abraham Lincoln in the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday. House rules and tradition have been so contorted that as few as five members are controlling the chamber.

"They could come up with a bill that would get, not just a majority, but probably a substantial majority vote," McGovern said, referring specifically to the defense bill but broadly on most legislation.

But McCarthy has badly damaged his ties to Democrats by, first, reneging on the debt-and-budget deal he cut with President Biden in May in an attempt to appease his hard-line faction, ordering his lieutenants to cut more than $100 billion from agency budgets that he had previously agreed upon. Then, last week, McCarthy declared an impeachment inquiry centered on the business dealings of Biden's son, Hunter, though lawmakers have yet to produce direct evidence linking the president to those activities.

To give McCarthy help on rules votes, Democrats would demand concessions. "Look, we're not cheap dates," McGovern said.

And granting further concessions to Democrats would be more chum for McCarthy's far-right antagonists to draw up a motion to vacate, as the procedure is known for ejecting speakers in the middle of their terms.

This motion has only been used once before, in 1910, by Speaker Joe Cannon, who created the motion as a means to demonstrate his power. He asked an ally to formally make the motion and Cannon then won by nearly 40 votes.

In the last decade, that motion, created to show off power, has been turned upside down to be used to threaten to oust speakers, first John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) and now McCarthy.

Boehner resigned in the fall of 2015 rather than force his members to vote on retaining his services. He also said he did not want to rely on votes from the minority to stay in power.

Ziblatt and Levitsky, who also wrote a 2018 bestseller "How Democracies Die," view all these machinations around customs that used to have no foundation as part of the decaying nature of Congress.

"Normally, we think the problem is constitutional but much of minority rule in the U.S. hinges on abuse of procedural rules — the filibuster in the Senate and what is happening in the House today," Ziblatt said Wednesday via email.

The renegades imposing their will on the House have tried to say that their real goal is to allow "open rules" so that unlimited amount of amendments can be offered. This would diffuse power away from the offices of the House speaker and Senate majority leader, who have in recent years seized an outsize amount of control.

"If we have a true open-rule process, then you empower every member in all 435 districts across this nation to have an equal say and an equal ability to participate," Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale (R-Mont.), one of the five who blocked the defense bill, said Wednesday.

But that argument falls on its face when looking at their actions. Yes, they demanded commitments from McCarthy to have a wide-open process for considering the 12 annual government funding bills during the marathon voting session in early January.

The reality, however, is these far-right lawmakers are only empowering themselves by refusing to allow the House to consider legislation unless it meets their ideological needs.

By a lopsided 314-117 margin, majorities of both the GOP and Democratic caucuses approved the Biden-McCarthy debt deal, which set the budget outlines for the next two years.

The small hard-right faction, less than two dozen in total, instead forced McCarthy to write those appropriation bills at dramatically lower numbers.

So much for "equal say" and "equal ability" for all 435 House members.

These lawmakers demanded so-called regular order for spending bills, but when regular order produced an overall budget number they did not like, they shut down regular order through both threats of sabotage and actual sabotage.

And now that regular order is not being adhered to, this extremely small minority is bashing McCarthy for not practicing regular order.

Democrats dealt with their own ideological flank in the last four years of the tenure of Rep. Nancy Pelosi (Calif.) as speaker, but they never lost a procedural rule vote and she never faced a call to get expelled from her post.

"Because we didn't have any nihilists," Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.), who served as Pelosi's deputy for 20 years, said Wednesday. "We didn't have any people who are anarchists, or people who didn't care about government operating on behalf of the American people, and thought that their cause was superior to anybody else's, and therefore the rest be damned."

Ariz. sober homes allegedly committed widespread fraud

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from Arizona's Medicaid program amid suspicion of filing bogus bills — one of more than 200 outpatient clinics to face such a fate this year, according to state officials. The sober home, in turn, was shuttered. And Foote had become ensnared in a sprawling web of alleged fraud.

"I'm still really upset with how we were used," Foote, 56, said. "These people need to be stopped."

In a state beset by the despair of homelessness and addiction, officials are still untangling the extent of alleged fraud committed by unscrupulous treatment centers and group homes during the past three years. Officials assert the schemes may have cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, while sparking wide-reaching fraud investigations, dozens of indictments, and an overhaul of billing practices by Arizona's Medicaid agency for crucial mental health and addiction treatment services.

Officials say the scheme has disproportionately affected Native Americans, with many left hundreds of miles from their families who remain back on reservations in northern Arizona, New Mexico and as far as Montana.

Navajo Nation leaders declared a public health emergency and created a task force to scour the sweltering streets of Phoenix for the displaced. Separately, an Arizona grass-roots group called Stolen People, Stolen Benefits has fielded calls, texts and Facebook messages from relatives of missing tribal members. The group, which relies on donations and hands out care packages on the Phoenix streets, says it has arranged bus trips and airfares for at least 100 tribal members wanting to return home. "We've been going nonstop," said Reva Stewart, who co-founded the group after her cousin was lured into a Phoenix sober home.

In August, the New Mexico attorney general unveiled a campaign warning unsheltered people from "being lured" into traveling across state lines "to illegitimate recovery facilities." The Blackfeet Nation in Montana in July declared a state of emergency aimed at helping displaced members, while one of the state's senators, Jon Tester (D), demanded an investigation from the federal agency that oversees Medicaid services.

Officials have described clinics allegedly billing for treatment services for children who don't need help, or people who are dead or jailed. Clinics are suspected of falsely charging the state for patients who aren't Indian under a Medicaid program for Native Americans. Recruiters in white vans are suspected of enticing Native Americans into group homes, sometimes plying them with drugs and alcohol, while offering little or no treatment, investigators said.

'It blows my mind'

Across Arizona, the fallout has been pronounced. Attorney General Kris Mayes (D) in May called it "one of the biggest scandals" in state history.

Fraud involving substance-use treatment has flourished alongside the nation's addiction crisis, with more than 100,000 fatal overdoses in the United States each of the past two years. During the past decade, major rings from California to Florida were discovered fraudulently billing state or federal health programs. Federal prosecutors in May secured fraud indictments against operators of sober homes in Massachusetts.

In Arizona, the fraud allegedly targeted the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, which administers federal Medicaid funds. The program covers 2.4 million people in Arizona, about 1 in 3 people in the state. More than 2,700 people died of drug overdoses in Arizona in 2022, federal estimates show. For tribal nations, the problem is acute: In recent years, the highest overdose death rates in the United States have been among Native Americans.

The fraudulent activities, officials say, included exploiting a Medicaid code that allows centers providing intensive outpatient treatment to bill for counseling, classes and other therapy for patients with alcohol and drug-use problems. Generally, Arizona paid nearly 60 percent of bills filed under that code — with no questions asked, officials said.

"Individuals engaged in these fraud schemes could get paid up to approximately $1,200 per day per person," said FBI Special Agent Antoinette Ferrari, who is investigating the alleged Medicaid fraud.

It remains unclear why the fraud escalated when it did.

Long-established providers say that about three years ago, they began noticing a spike in social media posts about new sober homes and outpatient treatment centers. Meanwhile, they said, it became increasingly difficult to buy vans — used to transport patients to treatment — as the number of providers skyrocketed.



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TOP: A gas station in Tuba City, Ariz. Officials say recruiters for sober-living homes and treatment centers flocked to such places on Native American reservations in Arizona and New Mexico. LEFT: Rainbow Bridge operations manager Harland C. Cleveland, far left, and Navajo police Sgt. Roland Dash distribute Gatorade to homeless men in Phoenix. ABOVE: Navajo Nation Attorney General Ethel Branch lamented that oversight of sober-living homes wasn't more robust.

Investigators believe some sober homes have been working hand-in-hand with treatment clinics, which allegedly billed the state's Medicaid agency for exorbitant amounts and in turn kicked back money to the sober homes. In many cases, the operators of the homes and the clinics are the same, officials say.

Officials have blamed a ring that allegedly committed similar crimes in Nevada before moving on to Arizona. Taxpayers in Arizona footed a hefty bill. In the 2019 fiscal year, the Medicaid program was billed under a behavioral-health code for $53 million, according to the attorney general's office. By 2022, that had soared to $668 million. Authorities are still figuring out how much of that billing was legitimate.

"Some of these people dealing with addiction truly want help, and that's lost in all of this," said Kim Humphrey, executive director of the Phoenix nonprofit Parents of Addicted Loved Ones who has been hearing from frustrated relatives of patients who entered pop-up sober homes.

Officials say much of the fraud involved the American Indian Health Program, which allows providers to bill for services directly to the state's Medicaid agency rather than through a managed care organization. The program required only an acknowledgment that someone was a tribal member.

"It blows my mind there was no oversight. These are federal dollars," Navajo Nation Attorney General Ethel Branch said. "Our people deserved as much care and concern for how services are being delivered to them."

To entice patients, officials say, recruiters flocked to flea markets and grocery stores on reservations in Arizona and New Mexico and outside homeless shelters, offering rooms in residential sober-living homes or even contracted hotels. The Arizona Department of Health Services licenses sober-living homes and behavioral health resident facilities, although many are believed to have been unlicensed.

A few months ago in New Mexico, Lesheena Charley said, she was approached by a group of men outside the Albuquerque Indian Center, which feeds and assists the homeless. Charley, 35, said they offered her and other homeless people $100 gift cards to get in the vans and "kick drugs" at a treatment center in Phoenix. She declined — the men didn't have business cards or even fliers. "It didn't feel right," said Charley, who has grappled with heroin, meth and alcohol use.

So many drug users and homeless people in Albuquerque began disappearing from the area that activist Christine Barber posted signs warning of the vans and compiled a list of the missing, now numbering more than 60. "We still have so many people missing," said Barber, who started a nonprofit called ASUR New Mexico and a street newsletter to warn of what she calls people brokers.

A crisis of homelessness

Arizona has experienced an alarming rise in homelessness — 23 percent between 2020 and 2022, with many sleeping in cars, streets and parks, according to an annual report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Like in cities across the nation, officials blame a lack of affordable housing. A state committee reported in December that Arizona is short 270,000 homes.

Deonna Crawford, 32, a Phoenix nursing assistant and mother of four, got evicted this year after her rent increased. She said she and her family were living in a park when a homeless-outreach coordinator referred her to Mireille Wellness Clinic, the clinic affiliated with the same home where Foote stayed. Crawford saw red flags immediately, she said. She does not have an addiction problem but went to drug-treatment classes to stay sheltered.

"I felt like it was my only option," Crawford said.

Mireille's operator is listed in state records as Mireille Mukiza. Another woman, Angelique Kamagaju, was listed in a company document as the clinic's director of residency. Repeated emails, voice mails and text messages to both women went unanswered. A Phoenix attorney who represented Kamagaju in a zoning matter did not return a call or email seeking comment. Nobody associated with the clinic has been charged, and the Arizona Department of Health Services lists the facility as having an active license as an outpatient treatment center.

Still, the Arizona Medicaid agency has the clinic on a list of providers suspected of fraudulent billing.

Crawford, Foote and their families were housed in a five-bedroom chocolate-and-tan house on Atlantis Way in a subdivision about 13 miles from downtown Phoenix. Each day, adults were driven in vans to classes that consisted of YouTube videos and generic lectures about ways to stay sober, Crawford said. She remembered they twice watched the 2006 comedy "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby."

When Crawford's Medicaid-managed care insurance was running out, she says she was instructed by a clinic staffer to change to the American Indian Health Program. Crawford is not Native American.

Mukiza and Kamagaju together own the Atlantis Way home, among other residential properties in Maricopa County, records show. The clinic in January also paid $3.4 million for a 10,200-square-foot mansion with a diving pool, a lazy river and an outdoor pizza oven, according to public records and real estate listings. One of Kamagaju's companies also owned a motel about an hour outside Phoenix that was used to house patients for the clinic, according to public records.

'A game of whack-a-mole'

Overall, the Arizona attorney general's office says its probes have resulted in at least 45 indictments. The state Medicaid agency continues to refer investigations to federal authorities, said Andy Stone, chief of the financial crimes and public corruption section at the U.S. attorney's office in Arizona.

"This will be something our office will be working years in the future," Stone said. The FBI, IRS and Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General are also investigating.

So far, the U.S. attorney's office has secured one indictment, against a woman named Diana Moore, who pleaded guilty to wire fraud and money laundering. Her case offers a window into how the fraud works: Between 2019 and 2022, Moore applied with the state's Medicaid agency to provide services for patients at her three behavioral-health-care facilities. To hide her ownership stake — and avoid disclosing a prior felony conviction, as required — Moore claimed others owned the facilities, according to a federal plea agreement.

Moore paid other providers to ferry people to her facilities, often for a single day to record their state Medicaid ID numbers, the plea agreement said. Then, Moore submitted bogus bills claiming her homes were providing counseling services for up to 90 days — sometimes for eight or more hours each day, "five days a week, for months in a row," knowing such treatments were not taking place, the agreement notes. Moore even billed for people who were dead or in prison.

In all, Arizona's Medicaid agency paid Moore's clinics $22.4 million. She purchased seven luxury cars, including four Mercedes-Benz vehicles, two Cadillac Escalades and a Land Rover Range Rover, plus dozens of other items, including designer purses, jewelry and art, according to court documents. Moore, who is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 18, is forfeiting four properties. Moore's attorney did not respond to a request for comment.

Arizona's Medicaid agency insists it implemented sweeping overhauls, pausing enrollment of new behavioral outpatient clinics and transportation operations for at least six months. The agency slashed what it is paying providers, and in July, it required that providers submit patient treatment plans before receiving payment. The Medicaid agency said the changes were needed for "the prevention of fraudulent activities by bad actors."

The regulatory pendulum swing, however, could hurt long-established providers. "In an effort to eradicate the fraud in our communities, the state has made it increasingly difficult for even the good actors to deliver services to the Native American population," Lee Yaiva, CEO of Scottsdale Recovery Center, said in a statement.

Officials instituted a phone line, 211, for displaced people to find services and housing, in conjunction with Operation Rainbow Bridge, the Navajo Nation's task force to locate its citizens. Since May, working with 211, officers have made contact with dozens of Navajos on the streets but far fewer than tribal officials had expected. Branch, the Navajo Nation's attorney general, believes "patient brokers" might be shuffling patients to facilities not on law enforcement's radar.

"It's still a game of whack-a-mole," she said.

On a summer weekday in Phoenix, longtime Navajo police Sgt. Roland Dash and Rainbow Bridge operations manager Harland C. Cleveland eased down 19th Avenue, a hardscrabble stretch of vape shops, taco joints and discount stores frequented by tribal members. Dash heads the missing persons unit in Tuba City, Ariz., where two years ago, young men who would normally get in trouble for public intoxication began vanishing and turning up in Phoenix.

Cleveland and Dash scoured trolley stops, parks and gas stations looking to contact tribal members, offering them help to get back to the reservation or just a cold bottle of Gatorade. The temperature topped 110. Dash furiously scribbled notes in a steno pad.

"I think we have a lot more out there that we haven't made contact with," Dash said.

Cleveland peered through binoculars at men sitting under a billboard. Minutes later, the officers pulled over. Christopher Benally recounted how a recruiter approached him at a homeless shelter about two months before, promising treatment and new clothes if he provided his American Indian insurance information. Benally entered a group home, where he enjoyed a big-screen television in his room.

"They kept giving me beer," Benally said. "They were getting me … drunk every day!"

Benally doesn't want to return to the reservation. So Dash texted the man's sister back in Tuba City to let her know he was okay.

Foote, the Navajo mother, wants to return to the reservation one day if she can get her life in order.

She lost her 17-year-old daughter to a heart ailment in 2015. During the pandemic, Foote lost a niece to covid-19, then her mother to kidney cancer, and she and her two youngest mostly stayed in Phoenix during that period with her adult daughters, adding to already crowded homes. Many nights, she disappeared to parks and bus stops to drink cheap beer and Fireball Cinnamon Whisky. "It would make me forget my problems for a while," Foote said.

Foote returned to the reservation for a few months before ending up back in Phoenix at the sober home. Today, Foote lives in a women's shelter, where she plans to stay for a few more months. She has managed to steer clear of alcohol and hopes to qualify as a caregiver for her 15-year-old daughter, who has a neurological condition, and receive payments through the girl's disability benefits.

"And we're hoping to get our own apartment soon," Foote said.

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Torrents unleashed by Juneau glacier carried a mystery

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW



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TOP: A bus crosses the Mendenhall River in Juneau, with the Mendenhall Glacier in the background. On Aug. 5, a record-breaking glacial outburst flood — meltwater that normally would be held back by the glacier — inundated even homes well back from the river. ABOVE: A home that collapsed after its riverbank was eroded by the billions of gallons of floodwater.

JUNEAU, ALASKA — On the morning of the flood, Amy Ballard had arranged her twins, Brighton and Broderick, on a hummingbird-and-butterfly blanket for a photo. The note between their smiling faces would read: "We are 7 months old today."

It had been a tough year for Ballard, an elementary school teacher and single mom. She had spent months on bed rest in Anchorage, followed by weeks for her infants in intensive care. But she was back in her third-floor condo in Juneau overlooking the Mendenhall River, a tranquil, glacier-fed waterway that coursed through her wooded neighborhood before flowing out to sea.

By the end of that sunny Saturday in early August, Ballard had watched the Mendenhall transform into a terrifying torrent of gray glacial silt that ripped down towering fir trees, devoured dozens of feet of riverbank and washed away neighbors' homes. That evening, she recorded the scene from her balcony, her voice almost drowned out by the roar of the water: "This may or may not be the last video I get to take from my porch," she said.

This glacial outburst flood — meltwater that would have normally been held back by the giant glacier looming above Juneau — dwarfed any since the phenomenon began here a dozen years ago.

The destruction has exposed just how unpredictable these floods can be, as glaciers around the world recede amid rising temperatures. Each year, more than a half-million people visit the Mendenhall Glacier, and scientists have a detailed understanding of how meltwater builds up and then pours out of it.

And yet, the magnitude of these glacial floods doesn't tend to follow any clear pattern, fluctuating dramatically from one year to the next, said Eran Hood, a hydrologist with the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau who studies the glacier's dynamics.

Since many glacial floods happen in remote areas, there are "just so few long-term records," he said. "These things are happening all over Alaska, they're happening all over the world."

Glaciers have unleashed deadly floods from the Andes to the Himalayas. Sometimes a dam of sediment left by receding ice will give way, causing a single flood. Other times, as in Juneau's case, these outbursts can be recurring, based on the complex interplay between the changing glacier and the melt in tributary basins.

Some 15 million people worldwide live under the threat of sudden flooding from glaciers, according to a study published this year in the journal Nature Communications. As the climate warms, glaciers everywhere are retreating and meltwater lakes have grown in size and number, intensifying this threat.

Federal scientists and local academics have closely tracked the state of Mendenhall Glacier, and the water level in the abutting rock depression — known as Suicide Basin — that fills with snowmelt. They map and monitor the area with drones and remote cameras, and warn residents about potential floods.

And yet, the flood on Aug. 5 far exceeded forecasts by the National Weather Service or the worst-case expectations of homeowners along the river, releasing about 40 percent more water than the last record flood seven years ago. The river was flowing at more than six times its normal rate, hydrologists here said, an event that had just a 0.2 percent chance of happening — on the order of a 500-year flood.

"This was unprecedented — seeing this amount of water come out," said Aaron Jacobs, senior service hydrologist with the National Weather Service in Juneau.

Ballard and other neighbors had not been perched on the river's edge, but set back at least 50 feet from the bank. They were not in a designated flood zone.

As the Mendenhall Glacier and its tributaries continue to melt, scientists are facing renewed urgency to understand this looming threat above Juneau. Does Suicide Basin hold more water than scientists realized? Has something changed inside the glacier?

"The big mystery," Hood said, "is why was the flood so big this year?"

'Uncharted territory'

On the morning of Aug. 4, Jacobs was flying home from Sitka, Alaska, when a colleague texted him: "Got time for a call. Looks like the basin is going."

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) gauge at Mendenhall Lake — at the foot of the glacier — was showing water levels rising sharply. Jacobs had been expecting this. All summer, a jumble of icebergs and meltwater had been filling Suicide Basin. And once it eventually flushed out, as it had done more than 30 times since 2011, the water would pour into Mendenhall Lake and down the river to Juneau.

From his office, Jacobs can track the status of the basin via a remote USGS camera stationed on the hillside, next to a laser that takes height measurements every 15 minutes. The glacier normally serves as a dam for that reservoir of ice melt and rainwater, but when enough of it accumulates, the tremendous pressure can lift the glacier and let water escape underneath.

This was known as going "subglacial." When that happens, Jacobs said, the passage within the glacier can rapidly expand, emptying billions of gallons of water downstream in a matter of hours.

There were signs that moment was approaching. In late July, two of Hood's colleagues had taken a helicopter up to the basin. Standing on a rock face overlooking the swollen lake, they launched a drone that took more than 1,000 overlapping images that would help create a three-dimensional elevation model of the basin and estimate how much water it might hold at full capacity.

About a week later, water began overtopping the ice dam and flowing down along the glacier's flank.

When this overtopping happened in two previous years, the water had found its subglacial escape hatch about a week later. But each year the glacier is changing, and the holes made the summer before may be gone. No one knew exactly when it might burst.

On Aug. 4, with lake levels rising, the National Weather Service issued a warning predicting that Mendenhall Lake would peak the following evening around 10.7 feet — about five feet above its typical level.

Jacobs was out the next day talking to residents and observing the raging river as water levels surpassed that projection and then kept going beyond the 12-foot record set in July 2016. Before the night was over, it would rise three feet higher.

"We're in uncharted territory," he recalled thinking.

A 'tough house' destroyed

Steven Peterson came to the same conclusion when he watched the current sweep away a towering Sitka spruce near his deck that had stood for decades.

"It just started cutting that bank away like Swiss cheese: *shoo, shoo, shoo,*" he said.

Peterson, 80, had built much of his 7,500-square-foot house by himself after he retired from Alaska's Department of Fish and Game two decades ago. In the garage was his beloved wood shop — where lately he'd been making duck decoys for Christmas presents — and above that a two-bedroom apartment where tenants lived.

Peterson evacuated about 10 p.m., and within an hour, the river had ripped away the wood shop and apartment.

A few days after the flood, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) toured the damage along the river. She stopped by Peterson's home as he and his daughter picked through the wreckage.

Peterson told her he wanted to demolish the damaged house, stabilize the bank and sell the property so someone else could build on a safer portion of the property.

"You sound like a pragmatic Alaskan," Murkowski said. "Stuff happens and we've got to do something."

"You don't solve anything by crying," he said.

Inside, however, the weight of what he had lost was hard to ignore. The room with his handmade bar now opened onto the rushing current. Peterson climbed a ladder into the room to retrieve his doctoral dissertation about long-tailed ducks in the Arctic. He took his collection of single-malt scotch, too.

A fire alarm was incessantly blaring as he packed up canned food. He surveyed the warped floors and walls riddled with cracks. At least some of it was still standing.

"Oh well," he said. "I built a pretty damn tough house."

He had also been fastidious about labeling his things. In the days since the flood, people have been calling from all over with his belongings. One person found a gun case; another his vacuum-packed halibut. The backpack he used for clamming washed ashore in Tee Harbor.

And someone even called from Portland Island, four miles out to sea, to report that a duck decoy with his name on it had just made landfall.

An ongoing issue

Three days after the flood, Hood flew back to the glacier to map the changes in the drained basin.

He was stunned by the view.

"When I got up there, I said, 'Oh my God, it's much lower than it has been in the past,' " he recalled.

The jumble of icebergs on the surface had fallen some 500 feet. But it was still difficult to know precisely how much water the trough could hold.

When USGS hydrologic technician Jamie Pierce began monitoring the basin more than a decade ago, he bolted pressure sensors onto the rock wall that would get submerged as the water level rose — to estimate depth. But when the basin emptied during floods, plummeting ice sheared the wall.

"The icebergs would crush our stuff," Pierce said.

The remote camera-and-laser system he built has worked better, but the depth of the ice and the internal plumbing of the glacier remain elusive.

Using models from before and after the flood, Hood and his colleagues estimated that 14 billion gallons escaped in the torrent.

The mapping also revealed that melting has extended farther into the Mendenhall Glacier than previously known. And that the rate at which icebergs are melting within the basin is accelerating, he said, adding more water.

The basin also drained more fully than in the past.

"The estimates for volume we had didn't account for that because we'd never seen that before," Hood said.

Since the Mendenhall Glacier began shrinking in the mid-1700s, it has retreated more than three miles, including some 800 feet between August 2021 and August 2022. The rate of retreat depends on various factors, but scientists say the rapid loss is due in part to human-caused global warming in recent decades.

While the severity of any given outburst flood is guided by the interplay of the glacier and the basin, "the overall mechanism for these types of events is caused from a warming environment," Jacobs said.

At some point in coming decades, when the Mendenhall Glacier recedes past Suicide Basin, these floods will no longer be a problem, although other basins may flood from higher up on the glacier. For the time being, the problem is expected to continue each summer.

"It's likely that we haven't seen the biggest one yet," Hood said.

Lives upended

If that happens, Ballard and her twins won't be on the river to see it. Her condo, condemned after the flood, was eventually cleared for her return. But she doesn't plan to live there again.

"I don't know if it would ever be safe," she said.

On the evening of the flood, Ballard scrambled to collect clothes, medicine and baby formula as firefighters evacuated her building. She spent the night with her aunt.

Throughout, she was texting and calling her friend Elizabeth Kent, a fellow teacher who was on leave while she taught English in Nicaragua.

Kent's three-bedroom home, next to the condo building, stood more than 100 feet from the river, but the flood swept all that away and demolished her home.

She now owes hundreds of thousands of dollars on a mortgage she can't pay with her tenants also displaced. The estimate to stabilize the riverbank on her property is $120,000, and the state aid she might qualify for would cover only about one-third, she said. Her insurance company has denied her claim and is offering nothing. She is facing bankruptcy.

The fact that her home was not in a Federal Emergency Management Agency flood zone was one of the reasons she bought it three years ago. The home was just so far from the water, she never thought it could be at risk.

Maybe this was that unlucky once-in-500-year moment, she said. Or maybe more is changing in ways that are harder to understand.

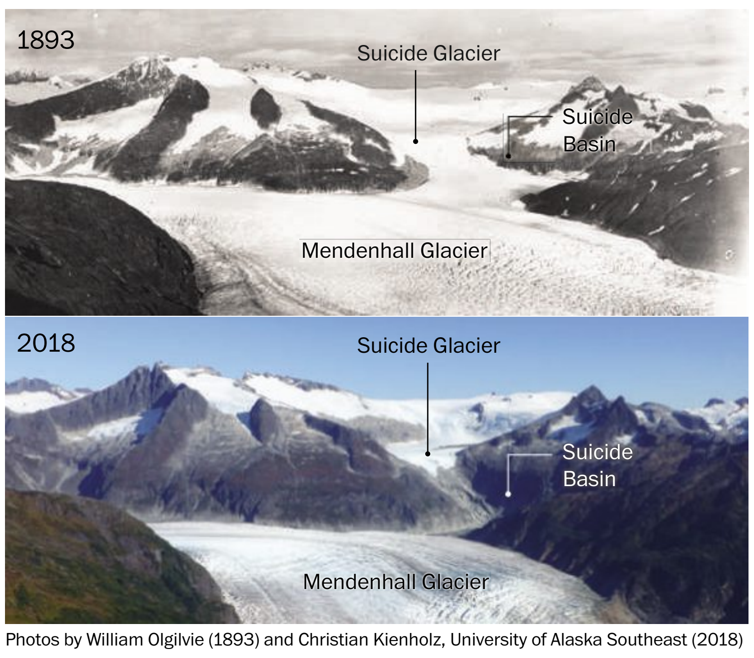




TOP LEFT: Steven Peterson in front of what remains of his 7,500-square-foot home after the flood. "It just started cutting that bank away like Swiss cheese: *shoo, shoo, shoo,*" he said. BOTTOM LEFT: Amy Ballard with one of her twin sons at a friend's house on Aug. 9, after watching water roar past her condo. The unit is cleared for her return, but she doesn't plan to live there again. "I don't know if it would ever be safe," she said.

Accelerated glacial melting

Suicide Glacier has retreated and disconnected from Mendenhall Glacier over the years. Meltwater continues to gather in the abutting rock formation, Suicide Basin, until it forces its way out through Mendenhall Glacier and flows toward Juneau.



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Citing consumer costs, Sunak delays U.K. climate goals

BY WILLIAM BOOTH

LONDON — Saying he was wary of high consumer costs, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Wednesday announced he was delaying his country's ban on the sales of new gasoline and diesel vehicles from 2030 until 2035, angering not only climate activists but the automobile industry with his remarkable reversal of previous government goals.

In a speech from 10 Downing Street, standing at a lectern labeled "Long-term decisions for a brighter future," Sunak said past British plans to cut carbon emissions were about "grabbing headlines" but were poorly thought out and never properly debated.

Sunak emphasized that to get people to trade in their old cars and buy new electric vehicles — and to swap out their old gas water heaters for new heat pumps — the public must be convinced that this is the right and affordable thing to do. He said Britons were dubious and might not be ready to bear such costs.

"At least for now, it should be you the consumer that makes that choice — not the government forcing you to do it," he said about vehicles and home heating.

He denied making the changes to boost his election chances next year.

The prime minister said his government was still committed to reaching "net zero" emissions by 2050 but in a "more pragmatic, more proportionate, more realistic way."

That would mean less immediate economic pain for Brits, who have been facing a cost-of-living crisis and high energy bills. But Sunak did not detail the costs to the planet for such delay. Nor did he expound upon the benefits of better-insulated homes and battery-powered cars.

Sunak's critics, including members of his own party, said he was delaying inevitable sacrifices while missing a critical window to contain carbon emissions. Without immediate cuts, scientists say, the world will pass a warming threshold that will lead to even more catastrophic flooding, heat waves, wildfires and melting at the poles.

Sunak's announcement came as a surprise to many — on a day



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Climate activists assemble outside 10 Downing Street in London. They and automakers oppose the decision by British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to push a 2030 deadline to 2035 for his country's ban on the sales of new gasoline and diesel vehicles.

King Charles III was making his first state visit to France, where he was pushing for climate finance and biodiversity, and while Climate Minister Graham Stuart was in New York, attending a U.N. Climate Ambition Summit.

Opponents of the Sunak rollback say his decision threatens to undermine Britain's leadership on the environment, which reached a high point in 2021, when Britain hosted the United Nations COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, and 200 world leaders struck a deal to propel the world toward more urgent climate action.

With his rollback, Sunak undercuts his own party's climate pledges, upheld by the past three Conservative prime ministers: Theresa May, Boris Johnson and Liz Truss.

Johnson directly criticized the idea of delay.

"We cannot afford to falter now or in any way lose our ambition for this country," he said, adding that it is crucial to show businesses that the government is still committed to net zero so they "can see the way forward" to develop green solutions.

Britain's automakers came out against delaying the target date for phasing out gas and diesel vehicles, saying they were making billion-dollar investments in new plants to produce batteries and electric cars.

Britain and the European Union have pledged to go net zero by 2050, with steep cuts by 2030. But across Europe — where this summer has brought brutal heat waves and raging fires in the Mediterranean region — a backlash is simmering against some of the world's most ambitious green targets.

European leaders have begun to consider the political price of eliminating fossil fuels. Some worry that voters care about protecting the planet from climate change — but don't want to pay for it.

British Home Secretary Suella Braverman, doing the rounds of the morning news programs, applauded Sunak's decision, calling it a pragmatic move in the face of an ongoing cost-of-living crisis here, where inflation remains stubbornly high.

"We're not going to save the country by bankrupting the British people," she told the BBC.

Among its Conservative Party members, the British Parliament is divided between "green Tories" who want to move decisively on climate and those who say there is too much gloom and doom and hype over climate, and that a slower approach is best. Some have even argued that a warmer Britain could be a good thing.

Sunak and the Conservatives face a general election next year, and polling suggests they will lose to the opposition Labour Party.

But they may think they can improve their chances by delaying climate actions that affect people's personal lives and pocketbooks.

In a special election for Johnson's old parliamentary seat in the London suburb of Uxbridge, voters signaled that they were opposed not to net zero but to London Mayor Sadiq Khan's decision to extend the Ultra Low Emission Zone from the city center to the suburbs, where older, more polluting vehicles would pay surcharges to operate.

Sunak on Wednesday denied that his announcement was an election play, saying he had been considering it before becoming prime minister. And he challenged his critics to explain why they are willing to impose unnecessary costs on families.

It is one thing for energy companies to move more quickly to build offshore wind farms. It is another to ask voters to replace their gas water heaters or trade in their gasoline cars for an electric vehicle instead.

For their part, leaders of the Labour Party said Wednesday that if elected they would reverse Sunak's delay and return the ban of gasoline and diesel cars to 2030.

British automakers on Wednesday bombarded 10 Downing Street with warnings that moving from a 2030 to 2035 ban would risk jobs and investment in Britain, as the industry pivots to produce electric vehicles for the growing market.

Lisa Brankin, the chair of Ford UK, said delaying the 2030 ban on sales of new gasoline and diesel cars would undermine the steps automakers are taking now.

"Our business needs three things from the U.K. government: ambition, commitment and consistency. A relaxation of 2030 would undermine all three," she said.

Stellantis, which owns brands including Vauxhall, Fiat, Citroen and Peugeot, said in a statement: "Clarity is required from government on important legislation, especially environmental issues that impact society as a whole." Stellantis would remain committed to achieving "zero emission" new car sales in Britain and Europe by 2030 — as was called for, the statement said.

A spokesperson for BMW said the company will be a "purely electric brand from 2030 globally, and this will not change."

The prime minister traveled to Scotland in July to announce with a big splash his decision to open the North Sea to more oil and gas drilling.

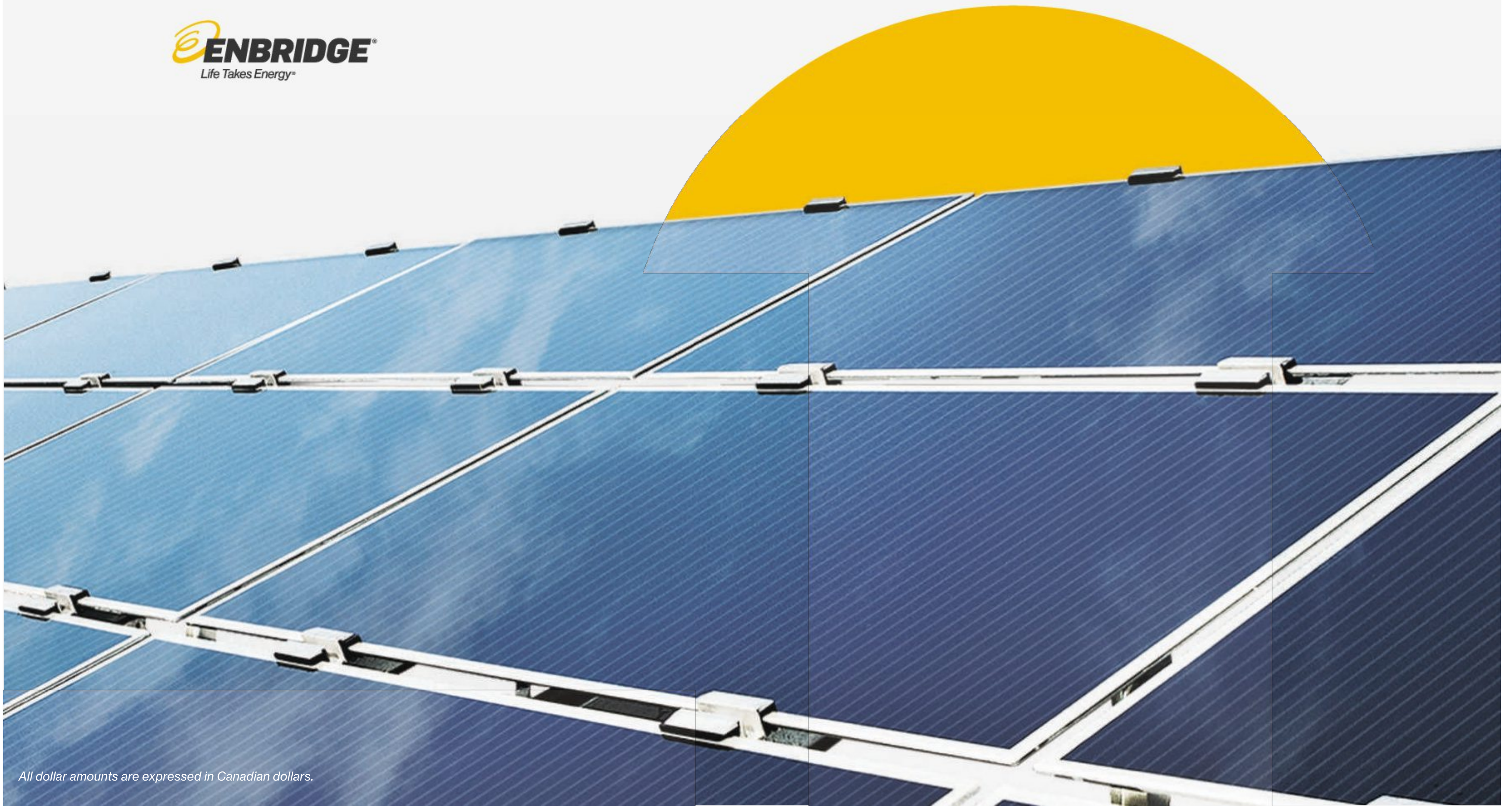
He argued that as long as Britain needs fossil fuels during the transition to green energy, it is better to get the oil and gas from home than from suppliers such as Russia.

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From left, French first lady Brigitte Macron, Britain's Queen Camilla and King Charles III and French President Emmanuel Macron arrive Wednesday at the Palace of Versailles in France to attend a banquet.

King Charles III of Britain makes first state visit to France

Trip echoes Queen Elizabeth II's travel in nation, but her son doesn't have as many ardent fans there, and his passion for climate inspires a different agenda

BY KARLA ADAM

PARIS — King Charles III began his first state visit to France on Wednesday with an itinerary that included echoes of his mother's trips across the English Channel. But Charles is also a different sort of British monarch, and these are different times.

As Queen Elizabeth II did in her day, Charles took part in a procession through the streets of Paris, planted a tree at the British ambassador's residence and dined at the Palace of Versailles. On Thursday, also reminiscent of his mother's visits, his planned stops include the Paris flower market, and he is expected to demonstrate his French language competence when he addresses the Senate.

Yet whereas Elizabeth, an avid horsewoman, liked to see stud farms in Normandy, Charles, a passionate climate advocate, will attend a roundtable on climate finance and biodiversity at the Museum of Natural History, witness the destruction in Gironde by wildfires and spend time at an organic vineyard that considers the cycles of the moon when tending its vines.

And whereas Elizabeth's first state visit, in 1957, was a societal event — bringing hundreds of thousands of people onto sidewalks, balconies and rooftops to see the young queen driven through the streets of Paris — Charles, 74, seems to be eliciting more of a shrug.

Julie Bietry, 22, a Parisian selling ice cream in waffle cones near the Arc de Triomphe, said she first heard about the visit earlier in the day, when her boss warned her she might have trouble getting to work, with all the security in the area and Metro stations closed.

"More people are interested in Queen Elizabeth," Bietry said. "She was around my entire life. She was a big personality. Even though we are French, we know her. But the king is not as known. People don't talk about him. He's an old man and won't last long, so maybe people want that distance, or maybe they just don't care."

This is actually take two of Charles's state visit.

France was supposed to be his first foreign destination as king — a gesture of friendship from Britain after the rocky years of Brexit. But the original trip, planned for March, was postponed when France was convulsed in protests over a retirement age increase. The optics of hosting a king at Versailles might have presented a problem for French President Emmanuel Macron, already accused by his critics of being a monarchical figure.

But now France is relatively quiet, and the trip is back on, including the Wednesday dinner in the extravagant Hall of Mirrors at Versailles. Macron's office said that the king appreciated the nod to his mother — who had dined there on her second state visit, in 1972 — and that it was an opportunity to show off one of France's most famous sites.

The palace at sunset certainly made a spectacular backdrop. The 150-plus guests received the royal treatment: a red carpet serenading band and soldiers marching in the cobblestone courtyard. There was a bit of a stir when Mick Jagger walked in, but only from the press — the public was unable to get anywhere near the palace.

The king and Queen Camilla were the last to arrive. Unlike most guests, their car pulled up close to the entrance. They were greeted by the president and first lady Brigitte Macron, who helped adjust the queen's navy blue cape as it blew in the warm breeze.

Quentin Peel, an associate fellow with the Europe Program at Chatham House, said Macron remains vulnerable to criticism in his role as host.

"He's seen as distant and arrogant, and the difficult card he has to play with this visit, where here is a king coming, people might look back and say, 'Look at Macron, he wants to be a king, just like him,'" Peel said.

Macron's office emphasized that the greatest commonality between the British king and French president was an interest in climate issues. The preferred takeaway may be that Macron wants to save the planet, just like Charles.

Macron gifted the king an original edition of Romain Gary's "The Roots of Heaven," a 1956 novel about a rogue environmentalist. Charles in return gave him Voltaire's "Letters on the English."

On the British government side, the hope is that the new king can sprinkle a little royal stardust and deploy the kind of soft power that Elizabeth wielded so effectively during her reign.

Relations between Britain and France plummeted after the 2016 Brexit vote. The neighbors engaged in bitter diplomatic battles over immigration, submarine contracts and fishing rights. Liz Truss didn't help matters when, while campaigning to be British leader, she said the "jury is out" on whether Macron was a friend or a foe.

But there has been an effort to reset relations under British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who as Macron has an investment banking background. The chumminess between them has been regarded as something of a budding bromance, though tensions over immigration linger. The government is counting on Charles to further mend ties.

"The British government's hope is that this will help improve relations," said Peter Ricketts, a former British ambassador to France, who was among the dinner guests at Versailles. "The French have a very special place in their hearts for the royals. I was ambassador there in 2014 when the queen came, and the outpouring of affection and respect for the queen was quite extraordinary in a republic."

After the death last year of Elizabeth — who made five state visits and several private trips to France during her reign — Macron summed up the feelings of his nation when he said, "To you, she was your Queen. To us, she was The Queen."

That affection lingers on: Touquet-Paris-Plage, a town in northern France, said it plans to rename its airport after the late queen.

But the intensity of the sentiment may not extend to Charles, who, in Britain, too, is less beloved than his mother was.

Many of those gathered Wednesday at the metal barricades along the roads leading to the Arc de Triomphe were surprised to discover the British king was in the city.

Fernando Floeres, 31, a lawyer from Mexico, discovered Charles was in Paris after he Googled why the Champs-Élysées was closed. He said he felt some sympathy for Charles: "It's hard to be in the shadow of your mother."

Martin Kent, 56, a construction worker from England, said he was surprised to see Union Jack flags, "and then it clicked" that Charles was in France. Kent joked that he didn't come to Paris to see the king. "I can see him anytime in London." But he said he thought Charles was doing a "good job. His environmental stuff is quite good. He stands up for the old traditional ways, and I'm an old traditionalist myself."

The first two days of the trip are taking place in Paris. After arriving Wednesday afternoon, the king attended a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe, followed by a procession down the Champs-Élysées, a meeting with Macron and a stop at the British ambassador's residence. The day concluded with the dinner at Versailles, where blue lobster, Bresse poultry and French and British cheeses were on the menu.

Charles met with sports stars at the dinner but won't be attending the Rugby World Cup while in France. Britain has three teams in the tournament — representing England, Scotland and Wales — and it might have been tricky for the king, had he gone, to avoid appearing to favor one of them.

On Thursday, Charles will address French lawmakers and then see restoration work at Notre Dame Cathedral. When he and Macron have spoken previously about the 2019 fire at Notre Dame, the king reportedly drew a comparison to a 1992 fire at Windsor Castle.

After Notre Dame, Charles will move on to the Museum of Natural History, where French officials have previewed that there may be announcements about new funding for climate and biodiversity projects.

On Friday, the focus will pivot to Bordeaux, where Charles will visit a tramline, communities affected by wildfires and the organic vineyard.

"The queen didn't advertise her passions — she sort of symbolized duty," Ricketts said. But Charles's views on the environment, and the stops that highlight that interest, make this "a new kind of state visit," he said. "In addition to the ceremonial stuff, there's also an extra substantive side."

DIGEST

RWANDA

President Kagame to run for fourth term

Rwanda's president declared he will run for a fourth term next year, saying that "what the West thinks is not my problem," after the United States and others criticized the earlier lifting of term limits to extend his rule.

President Paul Kagame made the announcement in an interview with the French-language publication Jeune Afrique published Tuesday.

The 65-year-old Kagame has been president since 2000 and was declared the winner of the previous election in 2017 with more than 98 percent of the vote. He has been the de facto leader since Rwanda's 1994 genocide.

Next year's election will be the first in which people born during Kagame's presidency and knowing no other leader will be old enough to vote.

Kagame is one of a number of African leaders who have prolonged their rule by pursuing changes to term limits. In 2015, Rwandans in a referendum voted to lift a two-term limit. Kagame could stay in power until 2034 if he wins a five-year term next year and then another.

When asked what he thought the West would think of him running again, he replied, "I'm sorry for the West, but what the West thinks is not my problem."

— Associated Press

GERMANY

Catholic priests bless same-sex couples

Several Catholic priests held a ceremony blessing same-sex couples outside Cologne Cathedral on Wednesday night in a protest of the city's conservative archbishop, Cardinal Rainer Maria Woelki.

Their protest was triggered by Cologne church officials' criticism of a priest from Mettmann, a town near Düsseldorf, who in March had held a "blessing ceremony for lovers" — including same-sex couples.

Officials from the Cologne archdiocese, which Mettmann belongs to, had reprimanded the priest afterward and stressed that the Vatican doesn't allow blessings of same-sex couples, German news agency Deutsche Presse-Agentur (DPA) reported.

The blessing of same-sex couples on Wednesday was the latest sign of rebellion of progressive believers in Germany's most populous diocese, with about 1.8 million members.

Several hundred people showed up for the outdoor blessing service for same-sex and also heterosexual couples. Waving rainbow flags, they sang the Beatles hit "All You Need Is Love," DPA reported. A total of about 30 couples were blessed.

The German government's LGBTQ+ commissioner called the service an important symbol for the demand to recognize and accept same-sex couples in the Roman Catholic Church.

"It is mainly thanks to the church's grassroots that the church is opening up more and more," Sven Lehmann said, according to DPA. "Archbishop Woelki and the Vatican, on the other hand, are light-years behind social reality."

— Associated Press

U.N.-backed panel says Venezuela is curtailing democratic freedoms: A U.N.-backed panel investigating human rights violations in Venezuela said Wednesday the South American country's government has intensified efforts to curtail democratic freedoms with threats, surveillance and harassment as President Nicolás Maduro faces a reelection contest next year. The international fact-finding mission authorized by the U.N. Human Rights Council said the government shifted tactics since the pandemic, which marked the end of mass opposition protests and subsequent extensive arrests and torture of demonstrators. Now, the report said, authorities are increasingly repressing specific members of civil society, including politicians, labor leaders and journalists.

Indian airline forced to cut flights after many pilots quit: Indian budget carrier Akasa Air has been forced to cut flights in the short-term after many of its pilots quit abruptly, sparking a legal dispute in court where the company has warned that further resignations may even force it to shut down. A small set of pilots "abandoned their duties" and left without serving their mandatory contractual notice period, causing a disruption of flights, but the airline is on course to invest in growing its operations and ordering more planes, chief executive Vinay Dube told employees in an email on Tuesday. Dube's email came on a day when the airline's counsel told a Delhi court that Akasa was in "crisis" and may shut down after the abrupt resignations, said a person with direct knowledge of the hearing. Akasa told the court it canceled 600 flights in August and could be forced to cancel more soon.

— From news services

Still-concerned Biden invites Netanyahu to White House

In N.Y., leaders discuss Israel's judicial overhaul and West Bank raids

BY TYLER PAGER

NEW YORK — President Biden on Wednesday invited Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Washington before the end of the year, granting the Israeli leader a visit he has coveted even as the president reiterated his concerns about Netanyahu's changes to Israel's judicial system.

The discussion between the two leaders, held on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly, came amid mass protests in Israel over the government's plans to remake the judiciary as well as near-nightly West Bank military raids that have made this the deadliest year for Palestinians in decades.

Biden, who has been a staunch supporter of Israel throughout his career, has previously warned Netanyahu about his effort to weaken his nation's judiciary, a move that has been widely criticized as undemocratic. Despite their decades of familiarity, the two have had a frosty relationship since Netanyahu returned to power in November at the head of a far-right coalition, and Wednesday's bilateral marked the first face-to-face meeting since then.

The president, in comments at the start of the meeting, made it clear his concerns have not diminished.

"We're going to discuss some of the hard issues — that is, upholding democratic values that lie at the heart of our partnership, including the checks and balances in our systems, and preserving the path to a negotiated two-state solution," Biden said. He also said the discussion would include a subject where the two leaders are more aligned: "ensuring that Iran never, never acquires a nuclear weapon."

In their closed-door session, Biden urged Netanyahu to take "immediate measures to improve the security and economic situation" in the West Bank, according to a White House readout. The president also discussed the goal of normalizing relations between Israel and other Middle Eastern nations and welcomed the deepening U.S.-Israeli collaboration on technology, the White House said.

"Even where we have some differences, my commitment to Israel, you know, is ironclad," Biden said before the meeting. "I think without Israel, there's not a Jew in the world who is secure. Israel is essential."

Netanyahu, who is now in his record sixth term, had signaled clearly that he wanted an official invite to the White House this year, and some Israelis saw Biden's decision to hold their first in-person meeting in New York instead of Washington as a pointed snub.

If Biden had not extended the invitation, Netanyahu would have been the first Israeli premier not to visit the White House in the first year of their term, going back to Golda Meir's state dinner with Richard M. Nixon in 1969. (At the start of his second term, Yitzhak Rabin met President George H.W. Bush at his summer retreat in Kennebunkport, Maine.)

"I hope we will see each other in Washington by the end of the year," Netanyahu told Biden in his opening remarks.

The formal invitation from Biden is a victory for Netanyahu, who will be able to return to Jerusalem with evidence that relations remain strong with the United States, Israel's most important ally. It also suggests a soothing of tensions between the two leaders, though U.S. officials made clear that Biden did not hold back his criticism of Israel's recent actions in its government or in the West Bank.

Netanyahu sought to respond to the widespread criticism, in Israel and abroad, that his efforts to weaken his country's judicial system are a blow against Israel's democracy and its system of checks and balances.

"I want to reassert here before you, Mr. President, that one thing is certain, and one thing will never change, and that is Israel's commitment to democracy," Netanyahu said. "We will continue to uphold the values that both our proud democracies cherish."



SUSAN WALSH/AP

President Biden meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York. The two have had a frosty relationship in recent months, but the White House invitation is a victory for Netanyahu.

The two leaders also discussed ongoing efforts, led by the United States, to normalize relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia, which has never formally recognized Israel. A path toward normalization would probably include the United States giving Saudi Arabia greater security guarantees and Israel making some concessions on the issue of Palestinian statehood.

"If you and I, 10 years ago, were talking about normalization with Saudi Arabia, I think we'd look at each other like, 'Who's been drinking what?' " Biden said at the start of the meeting.

Part of the challenge for U.S. officials is that Netanyahu is constrained by the far-right coalition he assembled to form a government after the last election, which includes fiery nationalist and religious figures. Biden has called the coalition "one of the most extremist" in Israel's history.

"Such a peace would go a long way first to advance the end of the Arab-Israeli conflict, achieve reconciliation between the Islamic world and the Jewish state, and advance a genuine peace between Israel and the Palestinians," Netanyahu said at the start of the meeting. "This is something within our reach."

A senior administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a private meeting, told reporters that the move toward Israeli-Saudi normalization has been progressing, but that "nobody has ever said this is right around the corner." The official added that all leaders involved in the talks have acknowledged any normalization deal would hinge in part on what concessions Israel makes to address the status of Palestinians.

Jeremy Ben-Ami, the president of J Street, a liberal pro-Israel advocacy group, said he wished Biden had delivered a firmer message to Netanyahu about the judicial overhaul and urged him to end all of the proposed changes that opponents say would undercut Israeli democracy by reducing the courts' ability to rule on fundamental issues.

Massive street protests have rocked Israel for months over the proposals, and the country's Supreme Court recently heard arguments over whether the changes are permissible.

"An invitation to come to Washington later in the year wasn't necessarily needed today," Ben-Ami said. "It could have waited to see what the next developments are. A stronger, clearer message from the president to the prime minister that this route needs to change before an invitation is forthcoming would have been our preferred course."

He added: "One can only hope that behind closed doors, the messages were delivered with more force and more clearly."

After meeting with Netanyahu, Biden held a meeting with Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, and the two leaders then announced a new partnership focused on workers' rights at an event with labor leaders. The efforts are meant to advance goals including ending worker exploitation and workplace discrimination, U.S. officials said.

Although the United States hopes to eventually expand the initiative to other countries, officials said the Biden administration chose Brazil first because it could serve as a bridge to other nations.

"The two largest democracies in the Western Hemisphere are standing up for human rights around the world and in the hemisphere," Biden said ahead of his meeting with Lula. "That includes workers' rights."

The focus on labor comes amid strikes across the United States, including work stoppages by writers and actors in Hollywood and by autoworkers in the Midwest. Biden wore a red tie Wednesday in solidarity with striking autoworkers, White House officials said.

"Whether it's the autoworkers or any other union worker, record corporation profits should mean record contracts for union workers," the president said at the labor event.

The United Auto Workers on Tuesday threatened to expand its historic strike against Detroit's Big Three automakers Friday unless "serious progress" is made toward an agreement.

Biden concluded his four-day trip to New York with two fundraisers for his reelection campaign. The president appeared at four such events during the trip and will continue raising money next week in San Francisco during a West Coast swing.

Biden's campaign is looking to fill its coffers before a Sept. 30 deadline, when the president's team, along with those of his would-be Republican challengers, will have to report its total haul over the past three months.

Steve Hendrix in Jerusalem and Marisa Iati in Washington contributed to this report.



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Questions mount after killing of Sikh leader

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Moninder Singh, front right, a spokesperson for the British Columbia Gurdwaras Council, prepares to address reporters on Monday. Canadian authorities are probing the fatal June 18 shooting of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who led the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara in Surrey.

family and friends in the local Sikh community were all but certain who was behind the brazen attack: The Indian government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Nijjar was an outspoken leader of the separatist Khalistan movement, which aims to establish an independent Sikh state in the Punjab region of India. The movement is outlawed in India.

On Monday, precisely three months after Nijjar's killing, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told the House of Commons that investigators were pursuing "credible allegations" linking Nijjar's slaying to agents of the Indian government.

India's Foreign Ministry rejected the claim, which it said is an attempt to distract from the real problem: Canada harboring Indian dissidents whom New Delhi considers terrorists. Each country has since expelled a top diplomat from the other.

Nijjar, a Canadian citizen who was born in India, ran a plumbing business in Surrey, a suburb of Vancouver. But it was his leadership in the Khalistan movement that attracted the attention of Indian security services.

In July 2022, India's National Investigation Agency accused him of conspiring to murder a Hindu priest in Punjab and labeled him a "fugitive terrorist." The NIA, India's counterterrorism agency, published his home address in Surrey and announced a reward of 1 million rupees — or about $12,000 — for information leading to his apprehension.

Nijjar's family and friends say he advocated for a peaceful and democratic path to a Sikh homeland. Before his death, he was organizing a referendum among the Sikh diaspora to gauge support for Khalistan. More than 100,000 people turned up at the gurdwara this month to vote, community members say.

Canadian security agencies had been aware of threats to Nijjar's safety for more than a year, according to Balpreet Singh Boparai, legal counsel for the World Sikh Organization of Canada. Boparai said he had told Canadian law enforcement of his fears for Nijjar's safety as far back as summer 2022 and as recently as a few weeks before the man was killed.

"Clearly, not enough was done," Boparai said.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, asked by The Washington Post on Tuesday whether it had warned the Sikh leader about threats to his life or had provided him with protection before his death, declined to answer. Eric Balsam, a spokesman for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, said he could not discuss the issue publicly.

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, Nijjar's lawyer, said Nijjar had called him the day before his death to say he had been warned by Canadian authorities of threats against his life. Pannun said the authorities did not provide specifics.

And on the day of Nijjar's death, Boparai spoke with members of his own gurdwara in Brampton, Ontario, about a recent string of killings of prominent Sikh leaders.

On June 18, Nijjar woke up early to spend his Sunday as he always did, in prayer at his gurdwara.

His sons, 20 and 21, made sure they were awake before he left, so they could give him his Father's Day gift: a new pair of jeans.

"You know I'm on a diet," Nijjar joked, according to Balraj. "These probably aren't going to fit me anymore."

"Once you lose weight, I'm going to buy you a new pair," Balraj promised.

"Are you sure you have the money?" Nijjar asked, poking fun at his elder son as he often did.

At the gurdwara, he gave his weekly address to the community, in which he often spoke of the threats against Sikhs around the world. He urged the community to spread its message not with violence but with a vote. "We do not need to grab AK-47s," he said in Punjabi. "We just need to fill the ballots with a yes or no."

"We think we are free living in Canada and the U.S., but are we?" he asked in the address, which was videotaped by the gurdwara. "Do we think about those who have been murdered, our martyrs? We need to come together and demand our freedom."

Just before 8:30 p.m., he walked out of the gurdwara with a friend, Gurmeet Singh Toor, a 52-year-old truck driver. They spoke about upcoming programs at the gurdwara, wished each other goodbye and walked to their cars.

Two minutes later, Toor said, he heard gunshots.

He rushed out of his car and toward Nijjar's pickup, about 300 yards away. The driver's side window was shattered. Bullet holes pierced the door. And Nijjar was slumped to his right, bleeding from the left arm, chest and head.

As temple members gathered around the truck, crying and screaming, two masked men took off on foot. Toor and a few others pursued them, but it was too late. The men reached a waiting car that police said was a 2008 Toyota Camry, and it spirited them away.

Police later described the two as heavier-set men with face coverings. The men and a third suspect, the driver, had been waiting in the area for at least an hour, police said. No arrests have been made.

As Balraj rushed with his mother and brother to the gurdwara, he tried to call his father. There was no answer.

They arrived to find a crowd of hundreds forming around an area blocked off by police tape. Then Balraj saw his father's truck.

In the months after Nijjar's death, his son was hesitant to speak publicly. He felt certain the Indian government was behind the killing, but he held off on accusing it publicly. He hoped Canadian authorities would find enough evidence to bring the allegations to light.

"The truth is going to come out on its own," he said.

On Monday night, after Trudeau's announcement, Balraj stood before reporters outside his father's gurdwara to speak publicly for the first time.

Amanda Coletta and Maham Javaid contributed to this report.

Indian anger grows over Canada's perceived support for separatist Sikhs

BY KARISHMA MEHROTRA AND ANANT GUPTA

NEW DELHI — Canada's announcement that India might be behind the killing of a Sikh separatist was a bombshell to much of the world, but for many in India the death of someone they saw as a wanted terrorist was about a more urgent matter — Canada's tolerance of Indian separatists.

The allegations by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Monday brought the tense relations between the two countries to a new low. India has in particular objected to the existence of a vocal Sikh separatist minority in Canada.

"The support these lawless elements have received under the cover of what you call freedom of expression and democratic rights of citizens has enabled the pursuit of a violent agenda by Khalistani activists in Canada," said Nirupama Rao, a former Indian foreign secretary. "The choice is Canada's — it must control such elements with a firm hand and cannot allow them to run free to foster terrorism and violence in our country."

The anger at Canada's perceived support of groups seeking an independent Sikh state called Khalistan in India's Punjab region is putting Canada on the same level, for many Indians, as archnemesis Pakistan — which many Indian security officials believe provides refuge, money and arms to Sikh separatists.

"Is Trudeau aspiring to become Imran?" anchor Aman Chopra asked Tuesday on channel News18, referring to the Canadian leader and Pakistan's former prime minister, Imran Khan.

"Canada is becoming to the West what Pakistan is to the East," said Aseem Arora, a screenwriter who has worked on several spy thriller scripts for movies and shows. "Canada has to look in their own backyard. They have to look at what they are allowing to grow, what they are allowing to bloom."

While New Delhi has described Trudeau's claims as "absurd," Arora found the whole affair to be an affirmation of India's more recent strongman image.

It's an image that Arora says is emulated in the new spy heroes in several recent blockbuster films — including ones he has written — showcasing the exploits of the intelligence agency.

"Indian cinema has seen a cultural shift because our political establishment is much more vocal about the defense of the country," Arora said. "The common man is much more aware of what the country's security forces do. . . . No one spoke about it earlier. Now we all do."

Social networking website X, formerly known as Twitter, was flooded with references to a "new India," with several Indian users thanking Trudeau for confirming what they view as more evidence of India's growing geopolitical power and military might.

Creators made reels on Instagram lauding Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar for his handling of the diplomatic crisis, especially the decision to expel a Canadian Embassy official in a tit-for-tat move this week.

The events, said international relations professor Rajesh Rajagopalan of Jawaharlal Nehru University, are likely to help Prime Minister Narendra Modi domestically. "There has for long been an envy that the Indian middle class has had about the kind of actions that Israel or the U.S. conducts against their enemies far away from their borders," he said. "This kind of action, or even the suspicion that it was Indian action, likely leads to a lot of satisfaction among sections of the Indian public."



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The Indian government on Wednesday issued an advisory for Indians in Canada to exercise caution amid "growing anti-India activities and politically-condoned hate crimes and criminal violence."

Canada's minister of immigration, refugees and citizenship pushed back on the advisory. "Let's be clear that Canada is a safe country and will remain a safe country," Marc Miller told reporters in Ottawa. "At the same time, emotions are running high, and we've asked everyone to stay calm given the seriousness of the allegations."

Some students in India hoping to study in Canada said they saw the developments as an impediment to their future. Ayush Verma, 23, an aspiring diplomat currently studying for India's civil service exam, said his peers are concerned about the impact on permanent visas and citizenship in Canada. "That is the kind of anxiety amongst my friends who aspire to go there. Canada has become very easy to access for Indian students."

Verma is no fan of Modi but said it would be "legitimate" for India to have carried out the killing in June of the Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada.

"Everybody knew that if Trudeau is not going to take strict action, India will take it upon itself to address this issue," he said.

In an editorial that described Canada as the "lone exception" to India's growing proximity to Western powers, the Indian Express blamed the current impasse on the extremist compulsions driving Trudeau's domestic politics. "Now, when his popularity appears to be ebbing, Trudeau seems to be painting India as a foe to reverse that trend," the piece said.

Even sober voices from India's corporate world asked why the current Canadian government would put its weight behind people many see as terrorists.

"When Canadian truckers were protesting outside Ottawa, they froze their bank accounts, arrested their families and took them to jail," said Deepak Shenoy, chief executive of Capitalmind, an investment firm. "These truckers are treated like terrorists. But there are actual terrorists who get political party support and walk clean in Canada. I got to call it out."

Canada saw its Sikh diaspora grow after the 1980s, when a Sikh militancy calling for a state of Khalistan took India's Punjab state by storm. Indians recall the bombing of a 1985 Air India flight that killed many Canadians of Indian origin. The Indian government sought the extradition of the accused mastermind, a Sikh man, and many Indians blame Canada for drawing out the investigation.

More recently, with pro-Khalistan protests in Canada, attacks on Indian diplomatic missions in San Francisco and London, and increasing threats against Indian diplomats in those Western countries, Indian authorities have been frustrated with their counterparts, who they believe are abusing freedom of speech.

The allegations from Canada came as Modi is at a domestic high point, having recently inaugurated a grand new Parliament building and successfully hosted the Group of 20 summit in New Delhi.

While official denials were buttressed by retired Indian intelligence officials giving out interviews claiming that this is not how India's intelligence services operate, most people seem happy to revel in this display of "muscular nationalism" — a new cultural ethos that screenwriter Pawan Sony sees represented in the latest crop of Bollywood films.

While spy thrillers have been a part of Indian cinema since the 1960s, they took a back seat to social comedies and rom-coms in the 1990s, Sony said. Then came the massive success of the 2019 film "Uri: A Surgical Strike," which dramatized a real 2016 attack that India carried out in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The term "surgical strike" was gleefully used by Indians on social media after Trudeau's accusations.

For some in Punjab, however, there is disappointment in how developments like these paint all Sikhs as separatists. "There is no large support for this idea of Khalistan in the larger segment of the Sikhs," said Punjabi journalist Gurshamshir Singh Waraich, adding that the Punjabis who migrated during the state's militancy period have a "troubled memory" in which threatening calls and statements against their communities further contributes to their "psyche."

Still, he said, "Sikh political activists in Canada should show restraint. If any unfortunate violent incident is reported there, then Sikhs in India and Punjab face serious repercussions."

Waraich said that the "hypernationalism" in India's new popular movies shows that "there is a strong campaign to follow Israel in every way, including their intelligence agencies. It has an impact . . . in making people believe that such killings are justified when it comes to the sworn enemy of the state."

Amanda Coletta in Toronto contributed to this report.

How Canada got caught up in the Sikh struggle in India

BY BRYAN PIETSCH

Punjab, the birthplace of the Sikh faith that historically straddled an area now split by the border between Pakistan and India, has suffered decades of political violence and waves of migration — struggles that have now enmeshed Canada, a nation thousands of miles away.

Canada's place in the middle of tensions surrounding the Khalistan movement, which supports the creation of an independent state in Punjab for members of the Sikh faith, came into sharp focus this week following revelations that India may have been involved in the assassination of a prominent Sikh separatist in British Columbia.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told the country's Parliament on Monday that there were "credible allegations" that Indian agents were involved in the June killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a supporter of the Khalistan movement and a leader in the Sikh community. India denied the charges. The allegation follows decades of developments that have further pulled Canada into the dispute.

In the 1900s, the first major wave of Sikhs, the majority of whom were men, moved to Canada, mostly to work as laborers — logging in British Columbia and manufacturing in Ontario, said Sardar Harjeet Singh Grewal, who teaches in the department of classics and religion at the University of Calgary.

Destabilization brought about by partition, the 1947 splitting of India and Pakistan after the end of British colonial rule, further reinforced the emigration of Sikhs from Punjab, he said.

Though Sikhs also moved to Britain, Australia and the United States, they have been particularly drawn to Canada because of "parallel value systems," he said.

"Sikhs see the most semblance of connection to what Canada represents," Grewal added, noting that there is now a secondary migration of Sikhs from Britain to Canada. Some elements drawing Sikhs to Canada include an emphasis on humanity and equality, he said.

Canada is now home to the largest Sikh population outside India, with about 770,000 people who reported Sikhism as their religion in a 2021 census. While that pales in comparison to the 22 million Sikhs in India, mostly in the northern state of Punjab, Canada has a much smaller population. At 2.1 percent, the Sikhs make up a larger portion of the population in Canada than in India, where they are just 1.7 percent of the populace.

Neilesh Bose, an associate professor and Canada research chair at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, also noted that while Sikhs are a small minority in India, they make up a large portion of the South Asians in Canada. That has contributed to an outsize prominence in how Canadians perceive South Asia, he said.

Those perceptions faced a jolt in 1985, when a bomb went off on an Air India flight from Canada to India via Britain; the explosion off the coast of Ireland killed the 329 people on board. A Sikh extremist was convicted in connection with the bombing, which came at a time of heightened tensions between the Sikh community and the Indian government. The previous year, heavily armed Indian troops attacked Sikh separatists in Amritsar's Golden Temple, the holiest shrine in the Sikh religion.

"After that moment, any public discussion about Sikhs, any Sikh politician . . . would always be asked about their potential linkages to any terrorist groups or to Khalistan, which colored how they were understood in a way that didn't occur before that," Bose said, referring to the 1985 bombing.

However, not all Sikhs support the separatist movement, and not all supporters of the Khalistan movement believe in the use of extremist tactics to press for a Sikh state.

And though the event has drawn comparisons to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States, the Air India bombing did not set off a dynamic of bigotry toward Sikhs in Canada as extreme as the one inflicted on Muslims (and some Sikhs) in the United States after 9/11, Bose said.

Today, Sikhs hold a prominent place in Canadian society and politics. The head of the New Democratic Party, Jagmeet Singh, is Sikh. He has been outspoken about the treatment of Sikhs in India, and he was denied a visa to visit the country in 2013, allegedly because of his public statements.

Trudeau made history in 2015 when he named four Sikhs to his cabinet, more than the two Sikh members of India's cabinet at the time, which Trudeau reportedly bragged about.

McCarthy set to host Zelensky for Thursday meeting

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Security Council debate came a day before what U.S. and Ukrainian officials deem a series of crucial conversations in Washington. He is scheduled to start the day with meetings in Congress, visit the Pentagon to meet its top leadership and then visit the Oval Office in the afternoon.

Amid cracks in Republican support for continuing to fund Ukraine's war effort, Zelensky's Washington outreach received a boost Wednesday when House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) agreed to host a meeting with him and other House members Thursday morning. The development followed days of ambiguity from the Republican leader, who had refused to say whether he'd talk to Zelensky as certain members of his fractious caucus seek to curtail U.S. support for the war.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley on Wednesday evening briefed the Senate on recent developments in the Ukraine war and the need for continued U.S. assistance. Senators declined to describe any specifics of what they had learned in the classified briefing, but Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) said that assuring the administration's request for additional assistance was urgent.

"If we don't attach money to the [continuing resolution], there will be immediate supply chain issues for Ukraine," Murphy said in an interview. He said the briefing "confirmed" that urgency.

Zelensky's visit comes at a "critical time, as Russia is reaching out" to countries like North Korea and Iran, said White House spokesman John Kirby. Biden can get a "battlefield perspective from the Ukrainian commander in chief" as the counteroffensive aimed at retaking Russia-occupied territory grinds onward, Kirby said.

The Security Council debate was Zelensky's second appearance at the U.N. gathering, following his speech to the full assembly Tuesday. His address Wednesday was filled with specific proposals to broaden Security Council representation and to suspend Russia's veto power over the body, which has stymied the most punitive U.N. proposals in response to the invasion.



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As he addressed the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, on screen, was mere steps from a representative of the nation that invaded his country, Russia's U.N. ambassador, Vasily Nebenzya.

But it was the proximity of Zelensky to the Russian delegation that held the most charge on Wednesday. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov skipped Zelensky's appearance.

Instead, it was Nebenzya in the Russian seat at the table. He only briefly glanced at the Ukrainian leader as Zelensky leveled complaints about the Russian "aggressor" and spoke of what he called the need for greater global representation among the permanent membership.

Zelensky left the Security Council following his remarks to the world body, declining a faceoff with Lavrov, as neither official appeared interested in dignifying the other with his presence.

Richard Gowan, a U.N. expert at the International Crisis Group, said in a text message that Zelensky's emphasis on Security Council reform was "both smart but a little idealistic."

"He will have struck a chord with a lot of UN members that think the Council needs a serious overhaul. But the obstacles to UN Charter reform are also very high," he said.

Zelensky's early departure also meant he missed the remarks of key Western allies, including Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who used his speaking slot to accuse Russia of demonstrating "contempt" for the U.N. system.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is "betting that if he keeps doubling down on the violence, that if he's willing to inflict enough suffering on enough people, the world will cave on its principles, and Ukraine will stop defending itself," Blinken said. "But Ukrainians are not giving up."

Lavrov, who arrived at the council shortly before delivering his remarks, assailed the United States for meddling in Ukraine, accusing Washington of buying off Ukrainian officials. He also attacked the Security Council for "selectively" respecting the U.N. Charter.

Other leaders who were in the chamber said that Lavrov's address left little hope for a resolution to the conflict anytime soon.

"With almost every country, including China, you can find some common ground," Czech President Petr Pavel said in an interview. "With Russia, it's like we move into parallel universes. Their vision of the world is, to a large extent, sometimes deliberately different from all the others."

China's vice foreign minister, Ma Zhaoxu, touted China's efforts at facilitating negotiations in the conflict, saying his country has "played a positive and constructive role" in attempting to resolve the crisis through its 12-point peace plan. That document, which calls for ending hostilities and beginning peace talks, has drawn little criticism from most countries, but it has not gained traction since Beijing put it forward earlier this year.

As leaders and diplomats filed into the chamber ahead of the debate, no one appeared to want to talk to the Russians. As others mingled, Nebenzya sat alone at the curving table and occasionally turned around to exchange words with the other Russian diplomats behind him.

Then, as proceedings got underway, he interrupted the debate, trying to use procedural rules to force the Ukrainians to speak after all the members of the Security Council, rather than at the outset.

"They're trying to transform [the Security Council] into a one-man stand-up show," Nebenzya said.

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama, who is holding the council president's chair this month, fired back, saying "there is a solution for this, if you agree. You stop the war, and President Zelensky will not take the floor."

Russia's veto "has paralyzed the council but has not reduced it to silence," he said later in the debate.

U.N. Secretary General António Guterres also urged an end to the war, condemning Russian action that he said was endangering not only Ukrainians but the entire world. "Russia's invasion of Ukraine, in clear violation of the United Nations Charter and international law, is aggravating geopolitical tensions and divisions, threatening regional stability, increasing the nuclear threat, and creating deep fissures in our increasingly multipolar world," he said.

Ukraine's fiercest backers had hoped for a White House announcement during the Zelensky visit to deliver the long-range ATACMS, the Army Tactical Missile System, that Ukraine has said would help it target Russian headquarters and critical resupply routes that are located far from the front. But Kirby, the White House spokesman, appeared to suggest the move was unlikely this week.

Wednesday's U.N. diplomacy coincided with a high-level Chinese visit to Moscow, with Foreign Minister Wang Yi opting to skip New York in favor of meeting Putin. The Russian leader praised "the high level" of Moscow's relationship with Beijing, underscoring how the nations found common ground against U.S. "hegemony."

"As for international affairs, we stand here from a united position on the formation of a multipolar world, and not a world based on some rules that no one has seen and which change every day for the benefit of those who came up with this ridiculous formula," Putin said.

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Azerbaijan says agreement reached to halt fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh

BY ROBYN DIXON

RIGA, LATVIA — Azerbaijan announced Wednesday that it had halted a major military attack against the Armenian-populated enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, after winning its main demand to dismantle a regional military, which is aligned with Armenia.

Azerbaijan recaptured its territory in the disputed region during a brief war in 2020. Baku had lost control of that territory in a war with Armenia in the late 1980s and early 1990s. In 1991, Armenian residents of the region formed a breakaway state, including a government and a military.

The cease-fire, which came into effect at 1 p.m. Wednesday, appeared initially to be largely holding, with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan reporting a "sharp decrease" in hostilities.

Baku launched the new attack Tuesday, demanding the dissolution of the unrecognized government in Nagorno-Karabakh and its armed forces and the withdrawal of Armenian forces, with the aim of reasserting control over the mountainous region. Armenia has denied the presence of its forces there.

If the cease-fire holds, it could avert a new, bloody conflict in a fragile region that is strategically important to the West, Russia and Turkey, given Azerbaijan's oil and gas reserves, which have assumed greater importance as Western nations have slashed their reliance on Russian energy.

In the first Karabakh war, when Armenia took control of Nagorno-Karabakh and several other regions in Azerbaijan, more than half a million Azerbaijanis were displaced, in a humiliating defeat for Baku.

In a 44-day war in 2020, Azerbaijan reconquered most of its lost territory. Moscow then brokered a truce and deployed Russian peacekeepers to protect the Armenian population in the region.

Nagorno-Karabakh's government released a statement Wednesday saying it had accepted the cease-fire deal proposed by the command of Russia's peacekeeping mission in the region because the international community failed "to stop the war and resolve the situation." The statement did not detail the cease-fire conditions.

But the success of the cease-fire may depend on talks Thursday on fully reintegrating the region and its population into Azerbaijan, outlined on Wednesday by Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev.

A statement from Aliyev's office said Azerbaijani officials would hold talks on Thursday with Nagorno-Karabakh representatives in the Azerbaijani city of Yevlakh, west of Baku, about the reintegration of the region "based on the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan and its laws."

Outlining Baku's expectations for the talks, Azerbaijani presidential adviser Hikmat Hajiyev said Azerbaijani government structures would be reintroduced in Nagorno-Karabakh and local military forces would have to surrender their arms.

Since the 2020 war, the government of Nagorno-Karabakh, known by the local Armenian population as Artsakh, and its armed units have continued to operate. A lasting peace deal to integrate the ethnic Armenian region into Azerbaijan has proven elusive.

Pashinyan, the Armenian prime minister, conceded in May that the region is part of Azerbaijan's territory, and he has focused on winning security guarantees for Armenian residents there.

Russia, with ties to Armenia and Azerbaijan, has sought to maintain its role as peacemaker.

But Moscow's role in forging a lasting peace deal has met little success, and Russian peacekeepers meanwhile failed to prevent a nine-month-long Azerbaijani blockade of the only road linking Armenia to Nagorno-Karabakh, leading to a humanitarian crisis.

As Azerbaijan pressed its attack before Wednesday's cease-fire, Russian peacekeepers evacuated more than 2,000 Armenians from areas close to the fighting — bringing them to the Russian peacekeepers' base in the region, according to video aired on Armenian news outlet Alpha News.

A number of Russian servicemen were killed when their vehicle was hit by small-arms fire near Canyataq, the Russian Defense Ministry said Wednesday. It gave no details on how many were killed.

On Tuesday, Armenia's Foreign Ministry said Baku had "unleashed another large-scale aggression against the people of Nagorno-Karabakh, aiming to complete its policy of ethnic cleansing."

But Pashinyan said Tuesday that Armenia would not be drawn into the new military conflict, triggering angry protests in the Armenian capital, Yerevan, against the Pashinyan government and against Russia, both seen by protesters as betraying Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh.

On Wednesday, amid new protests in Yerevan over the cease-fire, Pashinyan said that Armenia was not part of the cease-fire deal between Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijan.

Since December, Baku has squeezed the Nagorno-Karabakh population and increased pressure on its government by imposing a blockade on the road along the Lachin Corridor, the only route linking Nagorno-Karabakh with Armenia.

Earlier this month, the Nagorno-Karabakh government agreed to open a direct road link from Baku-held Azerbaijani territory to the region for the first time in decades, in return for the reopening of the Lachin Corridor road. On Monday, the International Committee of the Red Cross delivered humanitarian aid via both roads.

Renewing his military attack on Nagorno-Karabakh on Tuesday, Aliyev appears to have seen an opportunity in Moscow's distraction with its war on Ukraine, and in Baku's increased importance as a source of energy for the West.

The renewed attacks, however, were widely condemned by Western leaders, who called for an immediate end to Baku's military operation — despite long-standing international support for Azerbaijan's territorial claim to separatist enclaves.

Azerbaijan's forces claimed to have achieved a rapid military breakthrough in the latest fighting, asserting that they took control of more than 90 Armenian combat positions. Those claims could not be verified.

However, Nagorno-Karabakh's government confirmed in a statement Wednesday that Azerbaijan had succeeded in breaking through Nagorno-Karabakh defenses in several regions, taking control of a number of strategic positions and roads. It said the Azerbaijani forces, "several times superior in manpower and military equipment," had inflicted "heavy losses" on the Nagorno-Karabakh forces.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russian peacekeepers were working with all sides in the conflict.

"Our peacekeepers are working very actively with all parties involved in the conflict. They're doing everything possible to protect the civilian population," he said, in comments as he met with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Moscow on Wednesday.

Kremlin launches app for citizens to track down drones

BY MARY ILYUSHINA

RIGA, LATVIA — Millions of Russians got a notification on Wednesday from the country's main government portal inviting them to download an app to report incoming drone attacks and other security incidents, which have become a nearly daily occurrence as the Kremlin presses on with its nearly 20-month invasion of Ukraine.

"Help in the fight against dangerous drones! The Radar app can be used to report suspicious drones or other terrorist emergencies," the notification said. "You can help avoid the consequences of possible attacks."

A similar app has operated in Ukraine for nearly a year, with residents aiding the country's forces in tracing and preventing Russian drone and missile attacks that have devastated Ukrainian cities for months. This year, Ukrainian forces have grown more brazen in striking Russian territory.

The attacks have left six Russian border regions deeply unsettled and have even penetrated Moscow's defenses hundreds of miles from the border. And now, they seem to have prompted pro-invasion activists to mimic wartime Ukraine's technological know-how.

The Ukrainian app, called ePPO, which stands for "electronic air defense," relies on a phone's GPS and compass. To report a sighting, a user needs to point their device toward an incoming object and press a big red button — instantly alerting the military of its location.

Radar's interface is almost exactly the same as that of ePPO. A user needs to point their phone toward an object, pick "drone," "missile," "explosion," "diversion group" or "unknown," and click send.

"All messages are immediately transmitted to the responsible government officials for processing," according to Radar's official description. "Citizens' help in detecting aircraft is extremely important: the enemy's weapons will be destroyed in a timely manner."

The developers warn users before downloading that they are agreeing not to violate the law on "knowingly false denunciations of a crime," which is itself a crime. The warning seems to anticipate the possibility of fake reports that could strain Russia's military.

The Radar app was developed by activists with the All-Russia People's Front, a patriotic organization created by President Vladimir Putin as an auxiliary to the governing United Russia political party.

Radar is available for Android users on Google Play and RuStore, a government-developed app marketplace, but not on the App Store, where applications must go through the Apple review process to be published. Instead, the organization developed a bot on the Telegram messaging app called Cyber Squad where iPhone users can send reports.

The Radar app was officially presented in mid-August with a relatively modest rollout. The developers said it was downloaded more than 50,000 times in the month since, and incoming reports helped Russia take down two drones over the Bryansk region that has seen a high concentration of shelling and strikes by unpiloted aerial vehicles, or UAVs, throughout the war.

"However, this is still not enough," app developer Mikhail Kamyshev told state-run news agency Tass. "To protect our skies and create a dense network of rapid response to enemy UAVs, we need many more users. I urge all concerned Russians to install this application and take part in protecting the peaceful skies over our country."

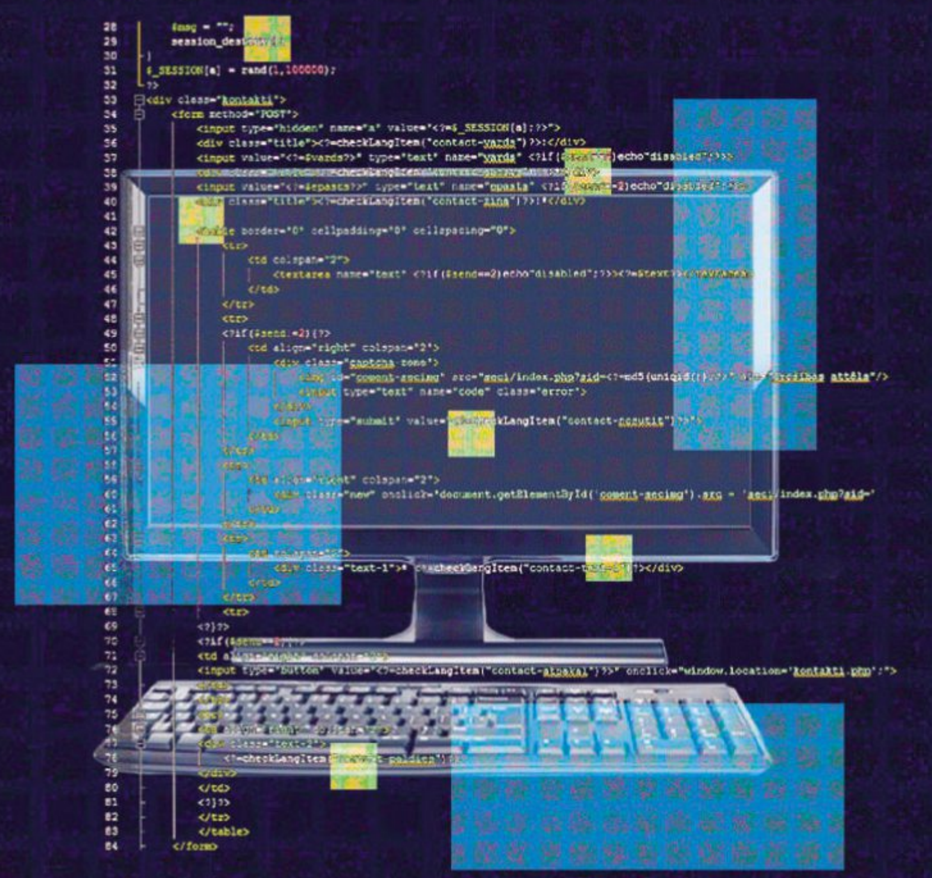
In late August, Russia came under one of the biggest drone assaults since the start of the invasion, with six regions affected, including Moscow. Several military transport planes were damaged in the city of Pskov, a few dozen miles from the border with Estonia.

Following the airport attacks, Mikhail Vedernikov, governor of Pskov, warned residents that "it's impossible to predict the targets of attacks." Vedernikov issued guidelines on what to do in case of a strike.

"No one can now guarantee that something won't fly into a certain territory, be it Africa, the Arctic or Russia, this doesn't matter — this is how the world works," he said in a video address. "The Pskov region, unfortunately, is no exception and we also can't exclude the activities of various diversion groups; this is the reality of today's life."

Vedernikov's pessimistic tone in the address was a notable departure from the Kremlin's assurances that the war, which it calls a "special military operation" would not disrupt the ordinary life of the country. Throughout Western Russia, residents have complained repeatedly about incessant drone strikes and mysterious fires and explosions.

On Sunday, Russian military officials said they prevented a coordinated Ukrainian attack in occupied Crimea, which the Kremlin invaded and illegally annexed in 2014. Officials said air defense systems shot down at least six drones targeting Crimea from different directions. Local officials said two drones targeted the Moscow region on the same day, disrupting air traffic in the capital with at least 30 flights delayed and several canceled.



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Biden aides try to quell tensions with UAW leadership

President inadvertently upset union officials with remarks Friday, but frictions have subsided. Trump's planned Detroit trip intensifies political stakes.

BY JEFF STEIN



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United Auto Workers members Dan Schlieman, with flag, and Brad Geer, holding a sign high, picket on Tuesday at the Stellantis Toledo Assembly Complex in Ohio, where Jeeps are made. While they share the goals of a strong contract, President Biden and UAW President Shawn Fain do not always have perfectly overlapping objectives.

Senior White House aides have been trying to quell tensions with the United Auto Workers since remarks by President Biden last week inadvertently upset union leadership, according to three people who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private talks.

Speaking from the Roosevelt Room on Friday, the first day of the UAW's strike against the nation's three largest auto manufacturers, Biden said that he was dispatching acting labor secretary Julie Su and senior White House adviser Gene Sperling to Detroit "to offer their full support for the parties in reaching a contract." Internally, Biden aides regarded the brief announcement as an inoffensive gesture aimed at providing support in the talks, particularly because the president coupled it with a strong endorsement of the union's demand for a better wage proposal from the Big Three automakers.

But Biden's comments instead antagonized UAW officials, who feared the presence of Su and Sperling would be interpreted by some workers as a sign that the administration was swooping in to control the negotiations. White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre tried clarifying in her news conference later Friday that "negotiations are up to the parties to work out" and that Su and Sperling are "not going to intervene or mediate." UAW officials still vented their frustration with the president's remarks to White House aides, before communicating over the weekend that the administration should either send someone to join striking workers on the picket line or not send anyone at all, the people said.

By Tuesday, the White House pulled the plug on Sperling and Su's trip, although the tensions had subsided enough by then for the parties to agree to try to have the Biden aides go to Detroit after this week, even without walking the picket line. Several Democratic members of Congress have gone to join pickets, and some Biden allies are anxious for him to make an appearance, too.

The private back-and-forth over Biden's remarks, which have not previously been reported, reflects the challenge the administration faces in trying to figure out how to handle a historic labor strike now in its sixth day. Intensifying the high political stakes is that former president Donald Trump, the likely 2024 Republican nominee rival, will go to Detroit next week, skipping a GOP primary debate to hold a rally with workers in a bid to fracture the union vote, long a key Democratic bloc.

Biden now faces the crucial decision of whether he, or someone else in his administration, should take the dramatic step of joining the UAW on the picket line — something no president appears to have ever done.

White House officials are currently weighing options, including a presidential picket line visit or that of a top aide, although planning is in flux and no decision has been made, two people familiar with the matter said. White House spokeswoman Robyn Patterson said in a statement that the administration is not considering holding a town hall event or a rally. Patterson declined to comment on whether Biden or a White House official could go to the picket line. Politico first reported the White House is weighing whether to dispatch a top aide to the picket line.

While they share the goals of a strong UAW contract and defeating Trump in 2024, Biden and UAW President Shawn Fain do not always have perfectly overlapping objectives. Biden is balancing his support for the union against the White House's traditional role as neutral mediator in labor disputes, as well as his desire to protect the broader economy from a protracted strike. And Fain's criticism of Trump — who he has savaged as part of the "billionaire class" — does not mean he will act like a Democratic politician who marches in lockstep behind the president. Labor leaders say Fain is squarely focused on maintaining the unity of his members in the strike, and that he cannot let divisions in his ranks over Trump and Biden distract from that all-important fight.

On Friday, after Biden announced Sperling and Su's trip, Fain released a statement saying, "Working people are not afraid. You know who's afraid? The corporate media is afraid. The White House is afraid." Fain later denied the quote in an interview with reporters that night.

But as Trump tries to return to the White House, both Biden and Fain also have strong incentives to work together. Union leaders sympathetic to both leaders fear the disconnect risks snowballing into a larger symbol of Democrats' challenges with working-class voters, who they cannot afford to lose in 2024 battleground states such as Michigan. Biden won the state's 16 electoral votes by about 154,000 votes in 2020, after Trump won the state by fewer than 11,000 votes in 2016. Trump is regarded by most union leaders as a disaster for workers' rights, and they are urging the UAW and White House to close ranks as soon as possible to prevent him from exploiting their divisions.

"Biden improved Democrats' showing with union voters in 2020, but the election was still razor-close and everyone has a pit in their stomach this is going to turn into a much bigger thing," said one union official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to give his frank assessment of the matter.

A White House spokeswoman disputed the notion that the administration was considering any moves in response to Trump's Detroit-area rally and pointed to Biden's long record of fighting for union priorities. Trump has feuded with Fain, urging UAW members to withhold their dues and accusing him of leading the union badly, and union leaders revile the billionaire for rejecting their priorities as a candidate and as president.

"Thanks to the President's policies — the future of the auto industry will be built in America by American workers. If the prior administration and Congressional Republicans got their way, these auto jobs would be headed to China," Patterson, the White House spokeswoman, said in a statement. "The President believes the UAW-Big Three contract must lead to a vibrant auto future made in America, that promotes good, strong middle-class jobs that a worker can raise a family on, and where the UAW remains at the heart of our auto economy."

The White House's defenders expressed frustration with the second-guessing of administration strategy despite Biden's strong support for union policies generally and the UAW strike specifically. Numerous Democrats said the president has already gone beyond reasonable expectations for demonstrating support through endorsing the UAW's call for a better wage proposal, and that Biden needs to remain a neutral party to help close negotiations. For that reason, they say, it's unfair to expect Biden to walk the picket line himself.

"It's not like it's done great damage to the economy, but if it goes on for weeks and expands, it really could," said Dean Baker, an administration ally at the Center for Economic and Policy Research, a left-leaning think tank. "As much as he's made clear he sympathizes with the strikers, he does not want to be seen as partisan. He wants to be able to talk to the industry and ask for an extra mile, or another big concession, so I don't think it actually helps him to actually be seen on the picket line."

Signs are mounting that the strike will not be resolved imminently. In a video posted late Monday, Fain threatened to expand the UAW strike this week unless "serious progress" is made toward an agreement by Friday. The union has been at odds with General Motors, Ford and Stellantis over wages, benefits, job protections and other matters in the contract dispute. Biden is also contending with the prospect of a government shutdown as soon as midnight on Oct. 1, which could compound the challenges facing the administration.

But as much as Biden may be constrained in how much he can back the UAW, Fain faces similar limits on how much he can back the White House, according to labor experts. The UAW's account on X, the social media site formerly known as Twitter, for instance, has retweeted scores of Democratic lawmakers who have backed the union's demands. Those posts, however, don't risk any confusion over whether the lawmakers are trying to take sides.

"The White House has been a terrific friend to labor, more than any president we know of. But bargaining wins come from bargaining power, which comes from the members of the union. The most critical element of winning is the power of the workers in the strike," said Kate Bronfenbrenner, director of labor education research at Cornell University, who stressed she had no inside knowledge of the talks. "Interference from the White House, while well-intentioned, can be seen by some workers as a sign of weakness from their campaign or a sign that concessions are going to happen."



SUSAN WALSH/AP

White House aide Gene Sperling has been at the center of the administration's outreach to the UAW leadership.

DIGEST

FOOD SAFETY

Kraft recalls 83,800 cases of cheese slices

Kraft Heinz is recalling about 83,800 cases of processed cheese after customers complained of choking on cheese slices that had plastic stuck to them.

The company said in a recall notice Tuesday that a temporary problem with one of its wrapping machines made it possible for a "thin strip of the individual film" to remain on the cheese after its wrapper has been removed. "If the film sticks to the slice and is not removed, it could be unpleasant and potentially cause a gagging or choking hazard," the company wrote.

The company received an unspecified number of complaints from customers who had gagged or choked. There were no injuries or deaths and the faulty machine was fixed, the company said.

The recall affects only specific shipments of cheese. Products included in the recall include the 16-ounce Kraft Singles American Pasteurized Prepared Cheese Product with a pack UPC code of 0 2100061526 1 and a use-by date of Jan. 10 through Jan. 27. Recalled packages should also include an S and a 72 in the manufacturing code.

Customers are asked to call 1-800-280-8252 with questions about the recall and to receive a reimbursement if necessary.

— Aaron Gregg

INVESTING

New SEC rule targets misleading fund labels

The world's biggest investment firms are getting much tougher rules for naming funds, as the Securities and Exchange Commission clamps down on labels it says can be misleading.

The SEC voted Wednesday to impose the most sweeping overhaul for fund-labeling regulations in more than two decades. Backers say the measures in particular will help rein in overblown claims about environmental, social or governance (ESG) investments.

During the Biden administration, the regulator has grown increasingly concerned that funds billboard certain buzzwords to attract investors, even if they don't accurately reflect their actual strategies.

The new rules would apply to funds with trillions of dollars in assets combined. In addition to ESG, they would impact thematic investment strategies with labels like "growth" or "value." The agency also would bolster existing requirements that a fund generally invest 80 percent of its assets in line with the stated focus.

— Bloomberg News

ALSO IN BUSINESS

The United Auto Workers union said Wednesday that 190 workers went on strike at a plant that makes parts for Mercedes-Benz vehicles, demanding higher pay and better health-care benefits. The workers at a ZF plant in Tuscaloosa, Ala., are also seeking an end to the tier system of wages, under which older employees get higher pay than newer workers for the same job — a key demand also being made by UAW workers on strike against Ford, GM and Stellantis plants. ZF, which makes front axles used by Mercedes, said the plant would operate while talks with the union continue.

U.S. employers could face the largest increase in health insurance costs in a decade next year, according to forecasts from health-care consultants, but workers may be somewhat spared this time around in a tight labor market. Benefit consultants from Mercer, Aon and Willis Towers Watson see employer health-care costs jumping 5.4 percent to 8.5 percent in 2024 due to medical inflation, soaring demand for costly weight-loss drugs and wider availability of high-priced gene therapies. A survey conducted by Mercer found over two-thirds of employers either do not plan to shift any cost increase to their staff, or will pass on less than the expected rise in 2024. "They don't want to add more financial stress on employees . . . especially in this time where they're really relying on their health benefits as a way to keep employees working for them," said Beth Umland, Mercer's director of health and benefits research.

Former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg announced Wednesday he will pump $500 million into the next phase of his energy transition campaign, aiming to shut down "every last" coal plant in the United States and slash gas-fired capacity in half by 2030. The infusion into his decade-long Beyond Carbon initiative aims to "finish the job on coal" by working with state and local organizations to force the closure of the roughly 150 coal plants that have not yet retired, slash current gas generation in half and block the construction of new gas-fired plants. Bloomberg is also a U.N. special envoy on climate ambition and solutions.

— From news services

Wage tiers leave newer workers struggling

STRIKE FROM A1

dispute that last week pushed the United Auto Workers to launch the first strike against all of the Big Three Detroit automakers at once, starting with one factory each. Abolishing the tiered wage system is one of the union's top demands.

Eight striking Ford assembly line workers who are in the lower tier of the workforce told The Washington Post that they must work second jobs to make ends meet. They stock shelves at Dollar Tree, sort packages in Amazon warehouses, wax eyebrows professionally, sell discounted jewelry and deliver food on Uber Eats.

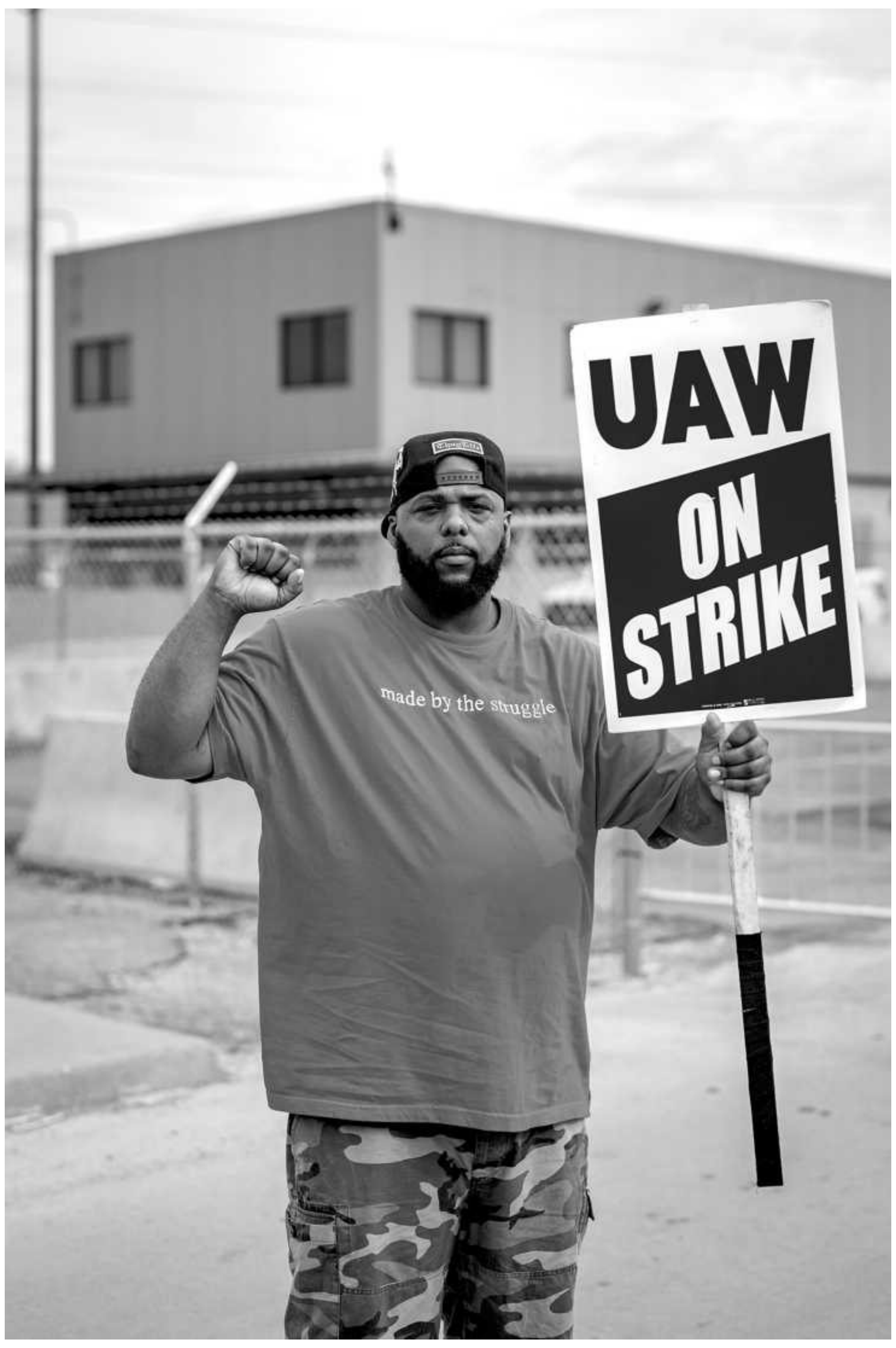
Ford said Monday that it has given significant ground to workers in the talks with the UAW and remains focused on getting a deal. In addition to 20 percent wage hikes over four years, Ford is offering some cost-of-living adjustments to wages, increased contributions to workers' retirement savings and more paid time off. The company says it has offered to get rid of tiers, but is not offering to pay new hires the same rate as longer-term employees.

The tiered wage system came about as a concession the union made to automakers to save autoworkers' jobs during the height of the 2008 financial crisis, when the automakers were teetering on the edge of solvency and eventually received government bailout loans of nearly $80 billion. To keep the companies afloat, the autoworkers union conceded to lower wages and reduced benefits for all workers hired after 2007.

Labor historians say U.S. employers across industries began implementing tiers in the 1990s as a cost-cutting tactic that simultaneously sowed workplace resentment between union workers who do the same job for different pay and benefits. Over time, especially during the financial crisis, these discrepancies deepened. This summer, UPS workers and their union, the Teamsters, approved a new contract that ended a tiered wage system that paid newer part-time employees less. The autoworkers union has pointed to workers' victory at UPS to argue that the Big Three should also abolish tiers.

Gabriel Winant, a history professor at the University of Chicago, said tiered workforces have been "totally toxic" for unionized industrial workplaces, which rely on wall-to-wall solidarity for their strength.

"Usually a given worker over the course of their time [in a union] can move up with seniority" when it comes to wages and benefits, Winant said, but a tier system makes at least some of the





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Justin Bowden, left, and Shardae Porter picket at the Ford factory in Wayne, Mich. Bowden, 39, started at Ford this year and earns $18 an hour on the assembly line. Bowden also works at Dollar Tree. Porter, 37, a sander in the paint shop, makes $32 an hour after 12 years at Ford but will not receive a pension or retirement health-care benefits.

growth "impossible."

For Womack, ending tiers could be life-changing. Before his stint as a janitor, Womack worked at FedEx to supplement his income at Ford. He said he hopes to win a pay raise from Ford that's good enough to survive on a single paycheck.

"I shouldn't have to work two jobs," Womack said, standing on the picket line Saturday outside the gates of the Ford factory. "I thought this would be a career, with benefits and overtime."

Womack said he had quit his second job at the cleaning company a couple of weeks earlier, because working 18-hour days meant he had no life outside work. Indeed, his life has started to fall apart.

He said he often slept in his car in Ford's parking lot between 4 and 6 a.m. With only two hours to rest between getting off from the cleaning job and starting at Ford, it made no sense to drive 45 minutes to his house on the opposite side of Detroit to sleep, he said.

Womack said he and his fiancée recently parted ways "because I was working too much."

"The main reason we broke up was stability, bills," Womack said mournfully. "Not enough time spent with her."

These days, he spends about $1,000 a month on rent, $600 for his car loan and more than $300 on car insurance. It costs $50 to fill up his gas tank and $60 a month for his phone bill.

Meanwhile, he sees his kids, who are 4 and 9, only on the weekends; they live mostly with their mother. He said he longs to take them to the aquarium or on a trip.

Summers, the 24-year Ford employee, said he has watched the quality of life for new hires at Ford disintegrate since he was a kid.

Summers's father and grandfather were both autoworkers. Summers said his father supported his wife and three kids on a single salary from General Motors. His father bought a house and put Summers's brother through college. Now, new workers "can't afford to raise a family. Buy a house. Buy the products we make," he said. "To me it's wrong. I just don't understand the greed."

Things haven't always been easy for Summers. He used to take on roofing work to pay the bills. And during the financial crisis, Summers said, he took a pay cut, saw his break time reduced, and lost holiday and lump-sum bonuses. He had to take out money from his retirement plan. "It was really rough," he said. "We didn't get a raise or profit-sharing" for a long time.

Summers said he has always been proud to be a UAW member, but this year — with ambitious new leadership and the first strike at Ford since the 1970s — things are different. "I'm so proud. In the past we were proud, but not like this," he said. "Your chest is pounding."

It can take close to a decade for lower-tier workers' pay to catch up to those hired before 2007. At Ford, new hires now start full time at $18.04 an hour.

Often, new hires at the Big Three start as "temps," or temporary workers making about $16 an hour, depending on the company, without profit-sharing, bonuses or pensions. Temps are essentially on a worse, third tier. Automakers have long used them to keep labor costs down, particularly when they are meeting temporary surges of demand, but workers complain that they are left in temp status for too long.

Once workers get full-time status, they become eligible for bonuses and profit-sharing perks, but that conversion can take up to five years. Once full time, workers have to put in about eight years before their pay rises to the top of the wage scale.

One of the UAW's demands, in addition to 40 percent raises and a 32-hour workweek, is that all new hires get paid at the top rate after 90 days — scrapping tiered wages.

But even at the top of the pay scale, right now lower-tier workers get worse health-care benefits and no company-financed health care in retirement or pension, compared with legacy employees. Lower-tier workers do receive 401(k) retirement accounts with a company contribution equaling 6.4 percent of workers' wages. The union is asking the companies to offer the top-tier health-care benefits to all workers, reinstitute defined-benefit pensions that workers previously received, and pay all the health-care costs for retirees.

It's hard to get a clear understanding of how many UAW workers could benefit from the end of tiers. More than 70 percent of GM's workforce is at the top end of the wage scale, as are 87 percent of hourly Stellantis employees, according to company spokespeople. But these workers could be at the top of the pay scale and still not have full benefits. Ford did not respond to a request for comment. Roughly 70 percent of 150,000 union autoworkers were hired after 2007, according to a UAW official.

So far in negotiations, Ford and GM have proposed to lower the length of time from eight to four years for workers to receive top pay. Stellantis has offered to end tiers in its motor parts division.

While tiers have fueled tension among rank-and-file autoworkers over the years, new and veteran employees have lately banded together to make the elimination of tiers a top priority during this strike, donning "End Tiers" T-shirts and holding signs on picket lines.

"The older generation is doing all right, but the kids are struggling," Summers said. "It's wrong that [legacy employees] make as much as we make, not great, but we make a living, and they're not making a living," he said. "They can't afford to raise a family."

Womack understands that deeply: "The bills don't stop. All we really need is a little push to be able to be stable."

Jeanne Whalen contributed to this report.

Against robust economy, the Fed opts for patience

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closed down 0.94 percent, and the Nasdaq dropped 1.53 percent.

The economy has been remarkably difficult to read in real time, and the central bank continues to find its way without a playbook in the wake of the pandemic and amid the war in Ukraine, among other unusual shocks from the past few years. But overall, the signs point to stronger growth, more consumer spending and a tighter labor market than the Fed expected just a few months ago.

Now, policymakers expect the economy will grow 2.1 percent this year, up significantly from the 1 percent forecast a few months ago, according to a fresh crop of projections released at the end of the Fed's two-day meeting. Policymakers also upgraded their expectations for the job market, penciling in an unemployment rate that stays at the current level of 3.8 percent, down from a previous forecast of 4.1 percent.

That picture has helped bolster economists' hopes that there won't be a recession soon. But the flip side of consistently strong growth means the Fed's aggressive rate hike campaign has not managed to fully cool the economy. The result: Inflation could stay higher than normal, and the central bank might need to keep rates higher for longer. Already, officials expect fewer rate cuts in 2024 and 2025 than their earlier estimates.

Zoomed out, the paradox presents a tricky challenge. Fed officials want to preserve the economy's signs of strength. But they must also ensure they've done enough to vanquish inflation, even if that means slower growth and a weaker job market.

"It's a good thing that the economy is strong," Powell said. "It's a good thing that the economy has been able to hold up under the tightening that we've done. It's a good thing that the labor market is strong."

For months, Powell and other Fed officials have hesitated to say definitively whether they expect to avoid a recession. Powell stuck to a similar script Wednesday, saying he "wouldn't want to handicap the likelihood" of what's known as a "soft landing."

But the projections, which are revised every three months, increasingly show officials' expectations that they can pull it off.

"Yes, they need to keep interest rates higher for longer than they expected because of growth, but that's as good a soft landing as you're going to get," said Tim Duy, chief U.S. economist at SGH Macro Advisors and a Fed expert at the University of Oregon. "You got inflation back down on a path to price stability without generating any real significant increase in unemployment. That's the story there."

The Fed's job is to control consumer prices and help the job market grow. But that mission has been compromised repeatedly by a swirl of factors beyond the bank's control. Energy and oil prices are rising again, as Saudi Arabia and Russia cut production, pushing prices at the pump and overall inflation back up. On Capitol Hill, the Sept. 30 deadline to fund the government and avert a shutdown is inching closer. But Republican leaders are still trying to appease hard-right members of their party and get a stopgap funding measure out of the House.

Meanwhile, United Auto Workers union leaders are threatening to expand a historic strike against Detroit's Big Three automakers unless there's "serious progress" toward an agreement. The union is seeking higher pay, broader benefits and better job protection as the car industry shifts toward electric vehicles. Cars aren't immediately expected to become more expensive. But a longer strike would have more impact for consumers.

Plus, student loan payments are set to resume in October, squeezing the budgets of millions of families and workers even more.

There's no clear indicator of how these factors will weigh on the macroeconomy.

"You're coming into this with an economy that appears to have significant momentum. And that's what we start with," Powell said. "But we do have this collection of risks."

Now the Fed's internal debate revolves around whether to hold rates steady or keep pushing them up later this year. Much will depend on how the economy evolves over the next few months — and whether any new shocks thwart the Fed's careful examination of the post-covid emergency world.

"They clearly don't want to declare victory early, even though they've made great progress," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at KPMG. "They themselves are surprised. But how much spillover do you get from diesel fuel going up? There's uncertainty about how wide strikes could be, or a government shutdown. This is all noise they have no control over."

In many ways, the Fed's fight to slow an overheated economy has turned out better than expected. The markets, businesses and individual households have absorbed high rates without the country crashing into a recession. Employers are still hiring — and at a more sustainable pace. Consumers continue spending money on vacations, concert tickets and dining out, and there's little indication that the spigot will shut off anytime soon.

But the Fed has made clear that there is more work to do on prices. Inflation has eased significantly since peaking at 9.1 percent last summer, and came in at 3.7 percent in August. Still, that marked the second straight bump in the annual inflation rate, which underscored officials' warnings that zapping persistent price growth will not be a smooth process.

Through it all, many Americans still feel gloomy about the economy, according to national polls and surveys. Officials want to show what they've done to tame inflation and emerge from the pandemic — while recognizing that many people aren't feeling a difference in their daily lives.

"Concerns about inflation are still something that I hear when I talk to people," Boston Fed President Susan Collins told The Washington Post last month. "From my perspective, what price stability means is a level of low, stable prices where people aren't really focused on it. … And people are still quite focused on it."



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The Federal Reserve building in Washington. After scrambling to hoist rates in 2022 and early 2023, the central bank is moving more cautiously so officials have time to see how the economy responds.

THURSDAY OPINION

Mr. Jeffries, here's how you can help avert a shutdown

BY STEVEN PEARLSTEIN

Renegade House Republicans, pressing a far-right agenda with no chance of enactment, have blocked Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) from putting before the House legislation to fund the government when current funding expires at the end of the month. Let's fantasize how a government shutdown might be avoided if politics were less partisan and leaders were actually willing to lead.

SPEAKER: The Minority Leader, Hakeem Jeffries of New York, is recognized.

Mr. JEFFRIES: Mr. Speaker, Democrats take no pleasure in the discord and disunity in the Republican caucus . . . [Laughter]

SPEAKER: The House will be in order!

Mr. JEFFRIES: . . . that now threatens to shut down the government. By shutting us Democrats out of the process and pursuing a Republican-only strategy, Mr. Speaker, you have empowered a cabal of right-wing zealots to take the House and your speakership hostage. This faction of your party has pulled this stunt four times over the last 30 years. Each time, they have failed — but not before bringing hardship to hard-working government employees, inconvenience to the citizens they serve, and more distrust and partisan rancor to this House.

Mr. Speaker, there is nothing inevitable about another shutdown. As we discovered this spring with the debt ceiling deal you helped broker, an overwhelming majority of the House — including majorities in both parties — is willing to put aside gamesmanship and reach bipartisan compromise.

So it is in that same spirit that I today inform the House that, contrary to custom for members of the minority, I intend to vote in favor of any reasonable and balanced "rules" allowing the House to begin debate on an omnibus appropriations bill for the next fiscal year, and urge others in my party to join me.

What do I mean by reasonable and balanced?

I mean starting with a spending bill that conforms to the bipartisan budget deal approved this spring, without additional cuts in spending.

I mean a spending bill stripped of provocative "riders" meant to end prosecution of President Trump or upend existing policy on abortion, civil and gender rights or immigration.

In the short run, voters might blame Republicans for shutdowns and filibusters. But in the long run, by eroding voters' faith and trust in government, government dysfunction undermines Democrats' message.

I mean a rule that allows the House to debate and vote on an amendment authorizing additional funding for the war in Ukraine and disaster relief here at home, as the President has requested.

And I mean a rule that allows debate and vote on any amendment sponsored by at least 20 members of each party. That would specifically include an amendment to make permanent the enhanced child tax credit that cut child poverty nearly in half before it was foolishly allowed to expire last year — a top priority for Democrats. And it would include an amendment to provide additional funding for border security, a top priority for many Republicans.

There is no guarantee that these amendments would be adopted, but if they were, it would allow members of both parties to declare victory.

We all understand, Mr. Speaker, that were you to agree to such terms, the zealots in your caucus would make good on their threat to try to oust you as Speaker, expecting Democrats to join them in voting to "vacate the chair." I want to assure you, Mr. Speaker, that I will not join such an effort and instead would vote "present," inviting my Democratic colleagues to do the same. Removing you under those circumstances would only be trading one Republican for another while further empowering the worst elements of your fractious caucus. It is my fondest hope to one day replace you, Mr. Speaker, but only the old-fashioned way: by winning a Democratic majority in an election.

I suspect some of my Democratic colleagues are shocked to hear a Democratic leader offering to help a Republican Speaker hold on to the gavel. The duty of the opposition party, they will say, is to oppose — all the more so when the other party has launched an impeachment inquiry of a president from our party without evidence of any wrongdoing.

Normally, I would agree, but these are not normal times. American democracy is in a precarious place. Because of hyperpartisanship and polarization, we have a Congress incapable of performing even its most basic functions, let alone addressing the major challenges facing the country. Our outdated rules and partisan norms make it nearly impossible for a bipartisan governing majority to emerge.

This dysfunction creates a particular problem for Democrats. Ours is the natural governing party — the party that believes government solves problems rather than causes them. Yes, in the short run, voters might blame Republicans for shutdowns and filibusters and "holds" that leave appointments of hundreds of military officers and diplomats in limbo for months on end. But in the long run, by eroding voters' faith and trust in government, government dysfunction undermines Democrats' message and brand.

Mr. Speaker, you and I have a choice to make. We can continue with the partisan blood feud that has consumed this Capitol and prevented us from governing — or we can declare a truce and begin to end it, here and now. In that spirit, I offer you not only a way to avert a government shutdown but also a way to save your speakership, save your party and return this House to some semblance of regular order.

Mr. Speaker, it's your move.

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Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, attends a Senate appropriations hearing on May 3, 2022.

DAVID IGNATIUS

The many wars of Mark Milley

RAMSTEIN, GERMANY

Gen. Mark A. Milley's last overseas trip as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was all about the war in Ukraine — a cause he passionately supported even as he sought to prevent it from expanding into a direct conflict between the United States and Russia.

Milley had a farewell meeting last weekend with NATO allies in Oslo and then traveled here Tuesday to join Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin in meeting the Western "contact group" that is supplying an ever-expanding arsenal of weapons to Kyiv — "for as long as it takes," Milley said, to expel Russian troops from Ukraine or force Moscow to the bargaining table.

Adm. Rob Bauer, a Dutch officer who chairs NATO's military committee, told his colleagues in Oslo that Milley had led the alliance through the unparalleled stress of a pandemic, America's chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan and the Russian assault on Ukraine. And he recalled what might be the most enduring moment of Milley's tenure: his opposition to what he saw as President Donald Trump's effort to politicize the military.

"At a time when your nation's constitutional values were shaken to their core, you made sure that the U.S. military continued to embody the values and ideals of the nation," Bauer said in remarks provided to me and other journalists traveling with Milley. "There were mornings when you didn't know if you would be fired by sunset, and yet you continued to fight for what you knew to be right."

Milley's stint as chairman of the Joint Chiefs, which ends this month, was as bold and sometimes as noisy as an artillery barrage. But the portrait that emerges from observing him over the past four years reveals a complex and sometimes surprising figure, in some ways the opposite of his public image.

Milley seems at first glance a modern-day George Patton, barrel-chested and often profane in private, with an ex-hockey player's sense of leadership as a contact sport. But he is a Princeton graduate with an encyclopedic knowledge of military history and a familiarity with arcane nuclear theorists such as Thomas C. Schelling.

Despite Milley's bravado, "his constant concern as chairman was to avoid great-power conflict," said Col. David Butler, his spokesman. That meant carefully weighing risks of Russian escalation in Ukraine and avoiding needlessly provocative military exercises or saber-rattling in the South China Sea.

Milley's view of war was conditioned by seeing battle up close in Iraq. As a colonel commanding a combat brigade in Baghdad in 2005, he scrambled across a minefield to stop an Abrams tank that was about to detonate the explosives, according to an account published this spring by the military publication Task and Purpose.

He never forgot the grim warning given to him in 2019 by a World War II veteran at a commemoration of the D-Day assault. When Milley asked the paratrooper for advice, the veteran said with a tear in his eye: "Don't let it happen again." For all his outward bluster, Milly tried to follow that admonition.

Milley's time as chairman was jolted by his collision with Trump. It was a strange accident of history. Trump, who had avoided military service and knew nothing of war, was attracted to Milley's Patton-like demeanor. The relationship exploded on June 1, 2020, when Trump led Milley, in uniform, across a forcefully cleared Lafayette Square for a photo opportunity before which Trump denounced the racial-justice protests that came after the killing of George Floyd.

Milley was furious that he had let Trump use him as a prop and quickly apologized to his colleagues in uniform. From then on, he battled to defend the military from what he saw as Trump's assault on its independence and professionalism. If anything, Milley might have overcorrected. He was so worried about the military being used to quell a civil disturbance on Jan. 6, 2021, that he was wary of an aggressive response to the mob assault on the Capitol that he sensed was coming.

After Trump's departure, Milley became a close and trusted adviser to President Biden, reinforcing the White House's twin goals of supporting Ukraine and avoiding war with Russia. His baseline advice was that the United States should concentrate on what he described as "line-drive singles," rather than swing for flashier but higher-risk home runs. That middle course suited Biden.



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Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, meets with U.S. Army leaders responsible for the training of Ukrainians at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Grafenwoehr, Germany, on Jan. 16.

When Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, Milley thought Kyiv would probably fall quickly. Fearing that President Volodymyr Zelensky would be arrested or killed, he urged Ukraine to prepare a continuity of government plan. From the beginning, he foresaw a long, bloody conflict. Before the invasion, he is said to have warned his Russian counterpart, Gen. Valery Gerasimov: "You may get into Ukraine in 14 days, but it will take you 14 years to get out."

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Milley's twin poles in assessing Ukraine were captured in two quotations he shared with me early on. The brave defiance of Zelensky and the Ukrainian people reminded him of Napoleon's remark that, "In war, the moral is to the physical as three is to one." To support Zelensky's courageous defiance, he rushed weapons to Ukraine — though always weighing the danger that it might provoke Russian retaliation against NATO.

In assessing the danger of escalation, Milley recalled a phrase attributed to Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping: "We are crossing the river by feeling the stones" — meaning, one wrong step might bring disaster.

Critics argue that he was overly careful, and that the administration's response to requests for weapons such as HIMARS missiles or F-16 fighters amounted to "no, no, no, yes." But Milley's approach was calculated. Rather than jumping over Russian red lines, as some hawks wanted, Milley, in effect, wriggled through them — at first resisting and then supporting the provision of long-range missiles and other systems. As late as this week, he was cautioning NATO allies that sending ATACMS missiles or F-16 jets to Ukraine, while militarily useful, wasn't a "silver bullet." Milley has worked closely with Gen. Valery Zaluzhny, Ukraine's top commander. But when the Ukrainian military fired a drone at the Kremlin this year, Milley is said to have cautioned Zaluzhny: "Don't use American weapons" in such attacks inside Russia.

The tensest time for Milley in the Ukraine war might have been last fall, when Kyiv broke through Russian lines and seized Kharkiv and Kherson — and U.S. intelligence warned that Russia might use tactical nuclear weapons to prevent a general collapse of its forces. To contain what he believed was the greatest risk of nuclear war since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, Milley contacted Gerasimov and queried him on Russian doctrine on tactical nukes. That call, and similar contacts by Austin and other top officials with their Russian counterparts, reduced their concern about escalation but didn't extinguish it.

Milley likes to cite Prussian general and military theorist Carl von Clausewitz's warning that human factors can drive wars toward extremes because the terrible loss of life usually stiffens combatants' resolve rather than breaking it. He worries that this hardening of position could lead both Ukraine and Russia to resist a negotiated settlement they might otherwise seek as rational actors if a grinding war of attrition stretches into next year.

After struggling so hard to keep the military out of politics during the Trump years, Milley ironically became a figure in America's poisonous culture wars. He's a White Irish Catholic from outside Boston, but when he defended the U.S. Military Academy teaching critical race theory, he was attacked by right-wing media as a symbol of a "woke" military leadership. The criticism infuriated Milley, but he held his ground as a proponent of a modern, diverse military.

Milley's most important but least recognized contribution to the military might have been his advocacy of new technology. Starting when he became Army chief of staff in 2015, he sought out tech leaders such as Elon Musk and pressed for ideas that could modernize Army logistics and weapons. He used the 18th Airborne Corps, headed at the time by Gen. Michael Erik Kurilla and Lt. Gen. Chris Donahue, as a test bed for new technology. Those two officers and many dozens of others have become advocates of preparing for digital warfare.

The Army had modern tools ready to help Ukraine identify and target attackers when Russian invaded, in what I described in December as "algorithmic warfare." Milley hopes this technological edge will deter China from attacking Taiwan and ensure a pulverizing defeat of any attempted Chinese invasion of the island.

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One of Milley's favorite military aphorisms is from Chinese strategist Sun Tzu. "See yourself, see your enemy, win a thousand battles." Milley did the first two, but as he made his last visit to Germany as chairman of the Joint Chiefs to urge support for Ukraine, victory was still an uncertain and probably distant vision.

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and President Biden in December.

Mr. Biden has done a lot for Ukraine. But not enough.

The Ukrainian president visits D.C. this week with many unmet needs.

UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT Volodymyr Zelensky is expected this week in Washington, where he will meet with President Biden and members of Congress. That in itself is a sort of miracle.

It's worth remembering that few military experts thought Ukraine would hold out as a fully sovereign, Western-leaning, democratic country for more than a few days or weeks against Russian President Vladimir Putin's full-scale invasion almost 19 months ago. Few would have taken bets on Mr. Zelensky's survival, either.

And virtually no one predicted that Ukraine would not only stand fast but also, within months, push Russian forces back from key territory they had captured, let alone launch a counteroffensive that has put what was once regarded as the world's second-most-powerful army on the back foot.

Those developments are a tribute to two things: First, Kyiv's iron-willed determination to remain free of the Kremlin's yoke. Second, the West's — above all, Mr. Biden's — determination to provide Ukrainians with the wherewithal to fight. And fight they have.

Still, the West, and specifically the United States, has not done enough to help Kyiv achieve anything that could be defined as victory. Despite Ukraine's battlefield achievements, there is every indication that the war, which has killed or wounded nearly a half-million troops, will not end anytime soon.

Mr. Putin, having retooled Russian industry for a war of attrition, is playing for time in the evident hope that Donald Trump will retake the White House and slash U.S. aid to Ukraine. Mr. Zelensky, having reinvented himself as one of modern history's most inspirational wartime leaders, has rallied his countrymen with the call to push the invaders out of the nearly 20 percent of the country they occupy.

That goal might not be achievable, at least not soon. Ukraine's counteroffensive, launched in June, has been a slow and bloody slog.

It is impossible to say whether Ukrainian forces would have been more successful had they received all the weapons Mr. Zelensky and his top generals have pleaded for — or had gotten them earlier. There is no denying that U.S. arms shipments to Ukraine have been substantial. It is equally true that the Biden administration has repeatedly dragged its feet.

It is by now a well-established pattern that the White House has balked at Ukrainian requests for advanced weapons, only to grant them months later. It has done so with M1 Abrams battle tanks, F-16 fighter jets, HIMARS rocket launchers, air defense missiles and other arms. Even now, months after Mr. Biden approved F-16 training for Ukrainian pilots, it will be months before those aircraft are deployed to support Kyiv's forces.

Mr. Biden is reportedly now considering whether to approve the delivery to Ukraine of U.S.-made long-range missiles known as ATACMS, a weapon Mr. Zelensky has requested for months. The White House and Pentagon have resisted granting the request, variously saying that the United States has too few ATCMS in its arsenal or that they are not a particularly effective weapon or that the Ukrainians do not need them.

In the meantime, the French and British have provided Ukraine with air-launched cruise missiles whose range is nearly that of ATACMS. Ukrainian forces were reported to have used them last week to attack Russia's Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol, in Crimea, badly damaging a ship and a submarine in dry dock.

There is no single weapon system that would provide the Ukrainians with game-changing firepower. Over time, however, the Ukrainians have proved adept at using most of the weapons they have been given. Mr. Biden should stop dawdling and provide Kyiv with ATACMS.

Mr. Biden's success in galvanizing U.S. allies also has not been matched by a full-court press to prepare Americans for a long struggle. The White House repeats that it will stand by Ukraine "as long as it takes." The implicit goal is to convince Mr. Putin that the war has become too costly — to Russia's military, economy and standing in the world — to continue. The idea is that he might be compelled, eventually, to negotiate if he is subjected to the right combination of pressure and inducements.

Yet while Mr. Biden has delivered speeches on Ukraine on his travels to Lithuania and Kyiv, he has yet to give a major address about the war from the Oval Office, directed at the American people. He can make the case forcefully for intensified U.S. support, including by explaining his policy's deterrent effect on Chinese ambitions in East Asia. It should be a message with bipartisan appeal — that the best way to dissuade China from invading Taiwan is to succeed in thwarting Russia in Ukraine.

Mr. Biden's leadership on the war has been critical to Ukraine's survival. Now he needs to press ahead toward forcing Moscow to sue for peace.

The attorney general's able defense

Mr. Garland holds his own against House Republican interlocutors.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT is in uncharted territory, with active indictments against both a former president and the current president's son, as well as one special counsel (of three operating) who continues investigating President Biden's handling of classified material. Despite threats to impeach or hold him in contempt of Congress, few attorneys general could navigate these crosscurrents as well as Merrick Garland has.

This shone through during 5½ hours of hostile questioning from Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday. "I am not the president's lawyer. I will also add that I am not Congress's prosecutor," he said, underscoring that he has tried to rebuild a norm of Justice Department independence that former president Donald Trump eroded.

Mr. Garland undercut House Republicans' claims that Mr. Biden obstructed justice in the Hunter Biden probe, testifying under oath that he has never had any conversations about the case with anyone at the White House. Meanwhile, he said he kept his distance from the investigation into the president's son by declining to intervene with U.S. Attorney David Weiss, who filed gun charges against Hunter Biden last week.

"The way to not interfere is to not investigate an investigation," said Mr. Garland to questions about some of the probe's specifics. He said he did not make the decisions that led to a Hunter Biden plea deal falling apart in July, or that allowed the statute of limitations to expire on some potential charges. His denials of wrongdoing are believable. Either Mr. Garland — a longtime trustworthy public servant who served as a well-regarded judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit — is lying to Congress under oath, exposing himself to criminal liability, or there is less than advertised to Republicans' claims against Mr. Biden, Mr. Garland and the entire Justice Department.

Despite all this, Mr. Garland found little support from his Republican interlocutors — except, notably, Rep. Ken Buck, a conservative from Colorado who has emerged as a skeptic of the House GOP drive to impeach Mr. Biden. Mr. Buck pointed out that Republicans would have attacked Mr. Garland if he hadn't kept Mr. Weiss on, if he had fired Mr. Weiss because he felt he wasn't moving aggressively enough, if he hadn't approved Mr. Weiss's request for special-counsel powers and even if he'd picked someone else besides Mr. Weiss for that job.

The congressman also noted that Mr. Garland keeps in his conference room a portrait of Elliot Richardson, who, as attorney general, resigned in protest when directed by President Richard M. Nixon to fire the Watergate special prosecutor. Imagine how much more tense the country would be if Mr. Biden had selected, instead of a respected judge, a partisan loyalist to be attorney general. The decisions Mr. Garland has made, including some that appeared suspect at first, such as the call to search Mar-a-Lago for classified documents, so far appear to have been the wise ones.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Leave our trees standing

We couldn't agree more with Elizabeth Fribush's Sept. 13 letter, "Making a climate change," concerning the importance of retaining trees, especially mature ones. We all know how trees preserve the environment, fight global warming, control soil erosion, maintain an environment rich in the beauties of nature, etc. So why, oh why, does Fairfax County continue to approve the destruction of perfectly beautiful mature trees and undergrowth for the sake of widening some virtually unused roads?

We're speaking about Hickory Hollow Lane in Oakton.

This is a lovely, 70-year-old, single-lane gravel road in a parklike setting nestled among trees. It's also in a Resource Protection Area (RPA). This road is frequented not by cars but by dog walkers, hikers, bikers, birders, nature lovers, Madison and Oakton high school cross-country teams, et al.

There has never been a car accident on this road.

But because a culvert on the road needs replacement, the county has deemed it necessary to pave and triple the width of the road, and, in doing so, is taking down more than 70 mature trees. The county claims that road-building can ignore the RPA, Rep. Gerald E. Connolly's Tree Action Plan and many other environment-protective legislated policies. County engineers have refused to find a way to fix the culvert without destroying the road and are going against county and tree policy.

This egotism is hurting the environment, county residents and taxpayers. Ms. Fribush nailed it.

John and Donna Repetski, *Oakton*

A fear-based campaign

I was impressed by David Von Drehle's Sept. 15 op-ed, "Democrats insist only Biden can beat Trump. That's just not true." Though unmoved by the hysteria from either major party, I do think this election calls for dispensing with niceties and facing the truth: Virtually no one is excited about reelecting the president. Yet the Democratic Party is again conducting a fear-based campaign in which it claims President Biden is our only alternative to former president Donald Trump.

Really? As Mr. Von Drehle reminded us, there are plenty of qualified people who would be acceptable to Democrats, but they will not step up until the president steps aside. More important, there are millions of voters — including me, an independent — who would appreciate an opportunity to join the selection process. According to Gallup, the percentage of voters who identify as independent has grown to 47 percent, which greatly outnumbers Republican (25 percent) and Democratic (26 percent) identifiers. Why hasn't the Democratic Party considered opening its primaries? How can it ignore such a large voting bloc? Does it really think defaulting to a weak incumbent is a winning strategy?

Welcoming voters who would like a real choice not only would make this election interesting and winnable but also would be a bold move that could shift the political winds in the party's favor for years to come.

Steve Richardson, *Falls Church*

Marijuana is safe. Period.

The Sept. 17 editorial "Recategorizing cannabis is long overdue" concluded that cannabis might fit better as a Schedule II drug rather than in the less restrictive Schedule III category that the Biden administration is proposing. The rationale given displayed a putative lack of definitive knowledge about safety and efficacy.

We know quite a bit about the comparative safety and substantial efficacy of the use of cannabis in medicine. My father, Lester Grinspoon, a legendary cannabis scholar at Harvard Medical School, pointed out that the U.S. government has spent more than $1 billion trying to demonstrate the harms of cannabis. These efforts offered little evidence of harms.

I have treated patients with medicinal cannabis for 25 years. I have been impressed repeatedly with how well most patients do. Cannabis has generally minor side effects, especially contrasted with opioids, benzodiazepines and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories. Cannabis is often as effective in alleviating symptoms. People often tolerate cannabis better than the pharmaceutical alternatives, leading to better symptom control, less toxicity and improved quality of life.

There are definitive harms associated with heavy cannabis use, particularly with smoked cannabis use, and some people — including teenagers, breastfeeding or pregnant women, and people with a family history of psychosis — ought to steer clear of cannabis unless they have a very compelling indication.

It's difficult to understand why cannabis is so harshly scheduled. Cannabis is safe enough to be unscheduled entirely. We can address any resulting problems with education and sensible regulation.

Peter Grinspoon, *Newton, Mass.*
The writer, a physician, is the author of "Seeing Through the Smoke: A Cannabis Specialist Untangles the Truth About Marijuana."

One family's road to Jan. 6

Regarding the Sept. 10 front-page article "A family shattered by Jan. 6 tries to forgive and heal":

The families shattered by Jan. 6, 2021, are those victimized by the violent attacks by President Donald Trump's pathetic troops.

The Reffitt family members, on the other hand, seem obsessed with making a public show through constant posting on social media. Guy Reffitt's wife says the Jan. 6 insurrectionists in the D.C. jail are political prisoners. But political prisoners are victims of state oppression and/or repression. Instead, Mr. Reffitt and the other Jan. 6 rioters victimized, through the use of violence, those they perceived as disagreeing with them. Mr. Reffitt even threatened his children, deeming them "traitors."

The Jan. 6 marauders are militantly intolerant flag-wavers. Aside from their attempt to subvert the peaceful transfer of power, their crimes included violent assaults, urination, defecation and causing nearly $3 million in damage to the U.S. Capitol.

A subscription to one or more serious newspapers might bring some awareness of the world to Ms. Reffitt and her fellow apologists of the Jan. 6 criminals. Rather than going to their usual online misinformation sites, perhaps the Reffitts might visit the websites of Amnesty International or Human Rights Watch.

DeDe Faller, *Washington*

I read with sadness the article about the Reffitt family and its struggle to heal the division that the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection has created in their family. One aspect of this story that I found very interesting is that the father and the son who reported him to authorities each arguably acted with integrity, each according to his beliefs. That's not a bad thing. That said, in a better world, the father would have had better access to resources that would help him discern as untruths what he interpreted instead as the president speaking "frank."

Being frank, selfless or truthful can often be very different things to different people. Our country desperately needs citizens who are better skilled at evaluating information and particularly less susceptible to confirmation bias. We all should be more prone to challenging our own assumptions.

Jim Nagle, *Reston*

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Know what makes 'post-covid' life complicated? Cancer.

BY ESMÉ WEIJUN WANG

On a bright, warm day, and for the first time since my husband was diagnosed with a form of bone marrow cancer called myelodysplastic syndrome earlier this year, I called a ride-hailing service to take me to my friends' apartment near Japantown. The couple had newly bought and moved into this home — no small feat for anyone living in San Francisco — and were hosting a barbecue for a variety of celebratory events that had occurred in our friend group this year: books published, awards, birthdays.

Almost all our group's in-person gatherings until this one had been put off, and then put off, and then put off again during what we considered the height of the pandemic. "It makes me want to weep just thinking about seeing all of you," I had typed in our email chain.

As I climbed into the back seat of the car, however, I saw that the driver was not wearing a mask. I asked from behind my own mask if he would be willing to wear one. He began to shake his head, and I felt panic rise between my ribs. "I have a mask you can use," I added, bending to retrieve one from my bag.

"No. I have asthma," the driver said. He'd begun to pull into the street.

"My husband has cancer," I said, though I didn't know whether this meant anything to the driver.

"Sorry," he said, and drove on.

Myelodysplastic syndrome, or high-risk myelodysplastic syndrome, the official diagnosis my husband had received that spring ("high risk of *dying*," as I tended to clarify), has complicated the already complicated notion of a "post-pandemic" world for me. The pandemic is over in the eyes of airports, restaurants and much of the country — including the company that sent the car I'd taken that day, which has declared that drivers are no longer required to wear masks, by either the company or the passengers who ride with them.

But for those who are immunocompromised, or for those who care about them, the pandemic is only as over as it is safe to reenter the world: not particularly.

My husband provides a dramatic example of this phenomenon. In early June, he had a bone marrow transplant. Because of his bone marrow's failure to produce working blood cells — and because of the immunosuppressants he takes to prevent his body from trying to fight off his transplanted bone marrow — if he is exposed to any virus or infection, from the common cold to covid-19, his immune system is so insufficient that he has no shield, no protective white blood cell count, to keep him from potentially dying should he become ill.

While he was still in the hospital after the transplant, his family and I became educated about a list of things we would need to care about once he came home. For three months, my husband could not do the following: open the windows or be near an open window; open any door to the outside or leave the house without wearing an enormous, buglike HEPA mask; eat takeout or delivery; eat fresh vegetables or fruits that hadn't been washed in a special solution; eat any kind of berries, because berries are too difficult to fully clean; have our dog in the bed.

> *I largely socialize via the phone, the internet and Zoom. I spend weeks without leaving the house at all.*

For three months, he had to do the following: have his sheets changed every three days; thoroughly shower every day; eat thoroughly cooked foods, which meant avoiding raw nuts, honey or aged cheeses; wear fresh clothes every day; have all leftovers shallowly placed in glass containers, which are then labeled with dates for appropriate disposal.

A week before he came home, we had two of our bay windows replaced to prevent outside air from slipping in. A few days before he came home, a friend visited to help move our indoor plants to the basement, because the plants might expose my husband to spores or pollen that could make him extremely ill.

Because I have disabilities that make it impossible for me to be his sole caregiver, his retired mother is living with us during this precarious time. She and I are not as fully limited as my husband is — someone must pick up his medications and run other errands — but because we are the closest vectors of disease, we essentially live an early-pandemic lifestyle.

I went to my friends' barbecue, but when another friend had a farewell party indoors, with no masks required, I refrained from attending. I largely socialize via the phone, the internet and Zoom. I spend weeks without leaving the house at all. As my husband has pointed out, life currently feels a lot like it did before we knew much about covid or had any vaccinations against the disease, when he was the one who worked remotely five months later than his colleagues because of my medical vulnerabilities.

The miraculous thing about myelodysplastic syndrome is that a bone marrow transplant holds the possibility for a cure. Someday, he and I might be able to have fresh flowers indoors again. Yet I have friends who remain immunosuppressed, whether naturally or artificially.

One recently took part in a hashtag campaign to remind the public that the pandemic isn't over for many, and that she'll be masking for the foreseeable future: #MyCOVIDReality. I scrolled through the comments because I knew I'd find contrarian remarks, and I wasn't wrong: "what in the brainwashing, sheep herding is going on HERE?" (four likes); "Masks never worked and the entire thing was a scam" (two likes); "Take off the mask. The job is up. F ur slavery" (three likes).

Meanwhile, my mother-in-law flips through photos of Jazz Fest back in New Orleans and marvels at the sea of maskless faces. I occasionally watch livestreams of Taylor Swift's Eras Tour and wonder how I would feel about attending one of the California concerts if my husband weren't sick.

Life is a calculation of risk. Right now, few things are worth most varieties of risk to my husband's health. Someday soon, I hope, I'll be reassessing life's possibilities — not after the pandemic, but despite it — again.

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RUTH MARCUS

For Garland, a House grilling devoid of any facts

You might be under the misimpression that Merrick Garland is Attorney General of the United States. Judging from the performance of Republicans at the House Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday, that impression would indeed be wrong.

Garland, it seems, is Attorney General of Hunter Biden.

And *only* Hunter Biden. Not crime. Not the border or the fentanyl crisis. Not domestic extremists or Chinese spies or gun violence.

No, the president's son was virtually the sole focus of the committee Republicans who converted their oversight authority into an opportunity to pummel Garland — save for a few brief jabs at the supposed outrages of special counsel Jack Smith.

No matter that Hunter Biden is, in fact, being prosecuted on gun charges that almost certainly would not have been brought were his last name Jones. No matter that he seems likely to be indicted on tax charges on which prosecutors had earlier agreed to accept a plea to two misdemeanors.

No matter that the prosecution is being conducted by David Weiss, the U.S. attorney for Delaware, who was *appointed to that post by President Donald Trump* and kept on during the Biden administration specifically in order to preempt concerns about political interference.

No matter that Garland, again *precisely in order to preempt* accusations of politicization, has said he was leaving the conduct of the Hunter Biden probe to Weiss.

No matter that Senate Republicans pressed Garland to make that commitment — which he duly made — when he was up for confirmation as attorney general. Imagine the uproar that would have ensued if he hadn't.

No matter that Garland said he'd give Weiss whatever authorities he needed, to bring cases wherever he deemed necessary. Imagine the uproar that would have ensued if he hadn't.

> *It's no mystery what's going on here. The more Republicans smear Merrick Garland and the Justice Department, the more some people believe them.*

No matter that when Weiss asked to be named special counsel in the Biden case last month, Garland promptly agreed. Weiss "reached the stage of the investigation where he thought that appropriate," Garland testified. Imagine the uproar that would have ensued if he hadn't.

No matter. Nothing matters — certainly not facts — to these Judiciary Committee Republicans. Certainly not to their chairman, Jim Jordan (Ohio), who confuses volume with persuasion, facts be damned and no slur left unslung.

"The fix is in," Jordan declared in his opening statement — and indeed it was: to smear Garland as a political hack and elevate the handling of Hunter Biden's case to Watergate-level proportions.

"Who does the attorney general pick?" Jordan later asked, referring to the choice of Weiss as special counsel. "He could have selected anyone. ... But he picks the one guy, the one guy he knows will protect Joe Biden."

Ah yes, the grand conspiracy to set up Weiss as Hunter Biden's protector.

In reality, as Rep. Ken Buck (Colo.), perhaps the only clear-eyed Republican present, observed that Garland, at every step in the investigation, "would have been criticized either way, whether you acted or did not act in that situation. Far from slow-walking ... your hands were tied."

Garland is not the first attorney general to be treated like a piñata; lawmakers of both parties have not been shy about using congressional testimony to score political points.

But this was a new low. Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) suggested that Garland was "in contempt of Congress when you refuse to answer" questions about pending investigations — and Massie then one-upped himself. "I think you may have just perjured yourself," he warned Garland, when the attorney general said he had not dodged anything.

Rep. Tom McClintock (R-Calif.), assailing Garland's choices of Smith and Weiss as special counsels, said, "That leads me to only two explanations: either corruption or incompetence. Which is it?"

"Those are the kind of questions that judges would rule out of order," Garland responded, with a mere raise of the eyebrows.

Garland seemed to lose his cool only once — and for good reason — when Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R-N.J.) pressed him about anti-Catholic bias in the FBI. "The idea that someone with my family background would discriminate against any religion is so outrageous, so absurd," Garland said, his voice rising. And good for him. As Garland recalled in his opening statement, his family fled Eastern Europe because of political persecution and two of his grandmother's siblings perished in the Holocaust. "There is little doubt that, but for America, the same thing would have happened to my grandmother," Garland said.

It's no mystery what's going on here. The more Republicans smear Garland and the rest of the Justice Department, the more some people believe them. Then, they use the results as a self-fulfilling prophecy, lecturing Garland about declining trust in the Justice Department.

All of this is in service, of course, to just one man. "Mr. Jordan hopes to camouflage his assault on the rule of law by falsely claiming that Donald Trump is the victim of unequal justice and Hunter Biden its beneficiary," said committee member Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.). "It is a claim as transparently political as it is devoid of any factual basis."

And that, come to think of it, is a pretty good summary of what passed for an oversight hearing.

GEORGE F. WILL

The UAW can strike, but it's running out of gas

Henry Ford, according to corporate legend, said that if he had asked potential customers what they wanted when he founded his company in 1903, they would have said faster horses. The infant automobile industry began by giving people what they did not know they wanted. Twelve decades later, this industry is being discombobulated by government pressure to manufacture products — electric vehicles — that the public does not much want, least of all in the quantities that Washington's central planners deem proper.

There has been much commentary about the nation's "new economy" because of all the new devices produced to serve the digital economy, and because of the dominance of finance — the making of deals rather than material things. Yet here we are, invited to be fixated on a partial strike affecting only a portion of a quintessential example of the old economy: the automobile industry. During the strike, much of the industry continues to manufacture vehicles, far from Detroit.

In 1979, United Auto Workers membership peaked at 1.5 million, in a national civilian workforce of 98.8 million. Today, the "big three" — General Motors, Ford, Stellantis (Chrysler's parent company) — employ about 150,000 UAW members, and the civilian workforce is about 160 million. Time was, America's auto manufacturing meant those three. Today, they are not nearly as important as they were in May 1950, when the UAW and GM signed the "Treaty of Detroit." No one wanted a repeat of that year's 104-day strike against Chrysler that idled 100,000 in Detroit. The "treaty" improved wages and established pensions and company-paid health care.

In the 1950s, Detroit was the nation's fifth-largest city (it is now 27th) and Germany and Japan were still struggling to recover from damage done by U.S. bombers, many with Ford-built engines. U.S. car companies, with 95 percent of the national market share, had negligible competition and could pass along to consumers the costs of labor contracts.

Labor strife in Detroit — the automobile industry had supplanted railroads as the emblem of the nation's industrial might — used to be riveting news: Capitalism's big battalions were battling for supremacy. Now, the union and the companies are subordinate to the biggest battalion: the federal government.

In a market economy, labor and management participate in profitmaking, then tussle over carving the profit pie. Now, however, government hovers over the negotiating table, armed with monetary incentives (subsidies) and regulatory coercions (e.g., ever-stricter CAFE — corporate average fuel economy — standards).

The Biden administration is ladling at least $12 billion into the automakers to cushion them against the Biden administration. Against, that is, myriad government pressures to quickly eliminate the non-EVs that the obdurate public prefers. This will require the companies to make tens of billions in capital investments, some of which with money the public will provide. The semi/sort of/once-upon-a-time private companies will pretend this is private enterprise, freshly reimagined.

The UAW reasons, not unreasonably, that its job is to seize for its members as much as it can of the billions sloshing around in the name of "industrial policy" subsidies. Meanwhile, non-UAW production lines are still humming along, disproportionately in the South's right-to-work states.

The UAW worries that EVs, having many fewer components than internal combustion vehicles, will require many fewer assembly workers. Last year, Ford's CEO suggested 40 percent fewer. The union probably cannot even moderate the Biden administration's climate monomania. It might, however, extort some taxpayer-funded payoffs.

The union should also worry that many Americans will keep their gas-powered cars longer than usual, rather than take a leap of faith regarding EVs. How many miles can they go between charges? The government is in charge of guaranteeing an adequate supply of charging stations, so drivers, too, should worry. To understand why this month's inventory of unsold EVs is almost twice that of gas-powered vehicles, start by reading NPR's report on Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm's misadventures during her planned drive from Charlotte to Memphis, trying to demonstrate EVs' delights. Fortunately, her advance team had a gas-powered car.

Regarding one matter, the UAW is too timid, given the nation's increasingly political — *very* political — economy. The UAW rails against the CEOs' salaries at GM, Ford and Stellantis — reportedly $29 million (362 times a median employee's earnings), $21 million (281 times) and $24.8 million (365 times), respectively, in 2022.

The UAW should propose that each CEO be paid $152,771, the highest base pay for GS-15 federal civil servants. This is what the CEOs should be considered, because their companies have become appendages of government, implementing its policies.

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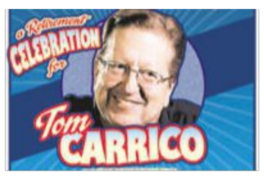
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Key House committee advances RFK bill

Full chamber could vote this fall on measure to extend D.C.'s lease of site

BY MEAGAN FLYNN AND SAM FORTIER

A bill that would allow D.C. to redevelop the RFK Stadium site advanced from a key House committee Wednesday — but not without significant debate over whether the District should be allowed to use public funds for a potential new stadium there for the Washington Commanders.

The RFK legislation is key to a major priority of D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's third term: redeveloping the deteriorating eyesore into an attractive mixed-use development — anchored by a Commanders stadium if Bowser (D) can lure the team. Because the federal government owns the land, D.C. can't move redevelopment plans forward under the existing lease, making passage of this legislation the first step.

The House Oversight Committee advanced the bill with broad bipartisan support, by a vote of 31-9, queuing it up for potential consideration in the full House this fall. An amendment by Rep. Scott Perry (R-Pa.) to block D.C. from using public funds to finance a stadium ultimately failed 24-13, although it notably included support from Democrats Jamie B. Raskin and Kweisi Mfume of Maryland. Maryland Gov. Wes Moore (D) is lobbying to keep the Commanders, who currently play at FedEx Field in Prince George's County.

The amendment prompted heated disagreements entangled with D.C. autonomy and the politics of taxpayer-funded sports arenas. It threatened to preemptively derail any plans D.C. could have made in the near future to lure the Commanders to D.C. with a promise of taxpayer help — something critics say it shouldn't give anyway. And even though the amendment failed, it foreshadowed the political hurdles that Bowser could run into locally depending on whether or how the city would plan to construct and finance a stadium for the Commanders, who haven't yet said where they want to go.

"We had two votes today, and we prevailed on both of them," Bowser said afterward, cheering the bill's passage and the defeat of Perry's amendment. "Both of them were votes for the District's right to self-determination and home rule, and how we can invest our local dollars in federal land to

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In NoMa, a splash of color and joy

A set of 16 new murals, all by local artists, enlivens Northeast's Metropolitan Branch Trail



FROM TOP: Marly McFly alongside his mural featuring a character named Zook, a version of his "own inner child" in whom he hopes kids see themselves. Tarika Campbell paints her piece on the Metropolitan Branch Trail, part of an arts celebration called "NoMa in Color."

BY DONNA ST. GEORGE

Brush in hand, Tarika Campbell added final touches of acrylic paint to a mural of a woman in a flowy yellow blouse, taking in the scent of lilies. The woman's face is tranquil, her eyes closed.

"It is about just being in the moment, enjoying nature," Campbell, 28, said as she worked through a sprinkle of rain on Sunday.

Her art belongs to a diverse collection of 16 murals along the Metropolitan Branch Trail, near Alethia Tanner Park in Northeast Washington. All are part of an arts celebration called "NoMa in Color."

"These murals and the festivals that we have hosted over the past eight years have helped to establish a strong arts identity in the neighborhood," said Maura Brophy, president of the NoMa Business Improvement District, which organized the events.

Like Campbell, the other artists involved — both established and emerging — live or work in

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Suit over death at hospital settled

FAMILY 'PLEASED' WITH AGREEMENT

Man died of asphyxia at Va. mental health facility

BY SALVADOR RIZZO

The family of Irvo Otieno, a 28-year-old who died of asphyxia at a state mental hospital as sheriff's deputies and orderlies piled on him, has reached a settlement with Virginia, Henrico County and the county sheriff's office over his death.

Otieno, whose family said he was experiencing a mental health crisis when he died in early March, was handcuffed and bound at the legs when Henrico County sheriff's deputies and employees at Central State Hospital held him down for about 11 minutes until he went limp, according to surveillance video and the medical examiner. His death was ruled a homicide.

Prosecutors in Dinwiddie County, where the hospital is located, initially filed second-degree murder charges against seven sheriff's deputies and three orderlies working at the hospital, but later dropped all charges against two of those hospital workers. The remaining eight defendants are awaiting trial. Defense attorneys for some of them have argued Otieno was combative and had to be restrained.

Otieno's mother and brother filed a wrongful-death lawsuit in civil court alleging that Virginia, Henrico County and Henrico County Sheriff's Office faced liability for his death. The state, county and sheriff's office did not admit liability in the settlement and denied that their actions caused Otieno's death, but agreed to pay the family $8.5 million, according to the Associated Press.

Attorneys for Otieno's family did not respond to requests for comment Wednesday. In a statement posted on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, attorneys Ben Crump and Mark Krudys said only that "the family is pleased that they were able to find a resolution outside of court in a manner that honors Irvo's life."

The eight defendants in the ongoing criminal case include a sheriff's deputy, Kaiyell Sanders, who is seen punching Otieno in a surveillance video from the Henrico County jail, where Otieno

SEE OTIENO ON B2

UDC students say demolition wouldn't just erase a building



Theresa Vargas

It would have been easier for Dnisa Oocumma to remain quiet. Friends warned her that speaking against plans held by the university she attends would not help her future and could hurt it.

But after she learned that a proposal called for demolishing a key building on the campus of the University of the District of Columbia, Oocumma did more than speak up. She asked her classmates and professors if they knew anything about those plans, and after many told her they didn't, she and others put together an online presentation, complete with a slide show, to let people on campus know what they had learned.

"What is Building 41?" read one slide.

"How we got to this point: What lies ahead," read another.

"If the university is not going to let people know what's going on, I felt like I needed to let them know," Oocumma, who is a senior and urban sustainability major, told me on a recent afternoon.

Building 41, she and other students will tell you, is not just any building. The six-story structure is one of the largest buildings on the small campus, and it sits in a spot that is central to student life at the HBCU. The building is next to a plaza where campus gatherings take place, and it is surrounded by organic gardens that have been diligently tended to by students and community members. This year so far, more than 350 pounds of produce from those gardens has been donated to a neighborhood food pantry and the UDC food pantry, which Oocumma manages.

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KESH LADDUWAHETTY

Students Autry Smalls and Doneka Brooks near the University of the District of Columbia's Building 41, which could be demolished.

Judge who refuses to retire suspended for 'misconduct'

BY RACHEL WEINER

The order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit begins with praise. Judge Pauline Newman is called "a heroine," "highly valued and respected" and "the most beloved colleague," one who has served for 39 years.

But it's not an award or a retirement announcement; it's a notice that Newman has been suspended from the court for a year for "serious misconduct." Her transgression: refusing to cooperate with an investigation into whether, at the age of 96, she can no longer do the job. The suspension could be renewed after a year, the court says.

"We are acutely aware that this is not a fitting capstone to Judge Newman's exemplary and storied career," the other active judges of the court wrote in a 70-page explanation of the decision. "We all would prefer a different outcome for our friend and colleague. However, we have a solemn obligation . . . to take action — and not to simply look the other way — when it appears that a judge of this Court is no longer capable of performing the duties of her judicial office."

Newman has sued her colleagues, providing an unusually public view into what is usually a secretive process. The suspension comes as lawmakers such as Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) face calls to step down over age-related health issues. Newman refused to cooperate unless the investigation was transferred to a different court, arguing that there would be inevitable conflicts of interest if her colleagues were evaluating her fitness and questioning their own staff.

"This could have been done in a much more respectful, nonhostile and appropriate manner simply

SEE JUDGE ON B3

Series of murals enlivens stretch of Northeast trail

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the Washington region. Their creations brighten 900 linear feet of concrete wall, owned by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, that supports train tracks used by Metro's Red Line, along with MARC and Amtrak trains.

The 16 artists were selected by a panel of judges — including residents, business district representatives and a local artist — from among more than 70 applicants. They had great leeway in their designs, a $600 supply stipend and an undisclosed amount of monetary compensation.

Marly McFly, 35, wanted to attract kids. His work, called "urban pop," centers on a 10-year-old character named Zook, who he considers a version of his "own inner child" and "a kind of a gateway for young kids to get more comfortable and make art more approachable."

In the mural, about 11 feet high and 24 feet wide, Zook rides a bike, wearing yellow Jordan sneakers, a patch on one eye and a black baseball hat. Hot pink runs through the middle, while doodles and landmarks fill the background.

McFly wanted children to see themselves in Zook.

Growing up in Newport News, Va., he remembers that there were few pathways to art. He has been a full-time artist since 2016, some of his work now on display at a Philadelphia gallery.

"I wanted something that kids see around the community, that they wouldn't mind walking up, touching it, taking a picture with it," said McFly, who lives in Woodbridge, Va.

Down the wall a bit, artist Lea Craigie-Marshall, 46, went with a mental health theme, painting the words "You Are Not Alone" on a yellow mural partly adorned with images of pets she had met while painting. Included are a goldendoodle and a dachshund.

Her work is part of a broader project to bring attention to mental health challenges through murals.

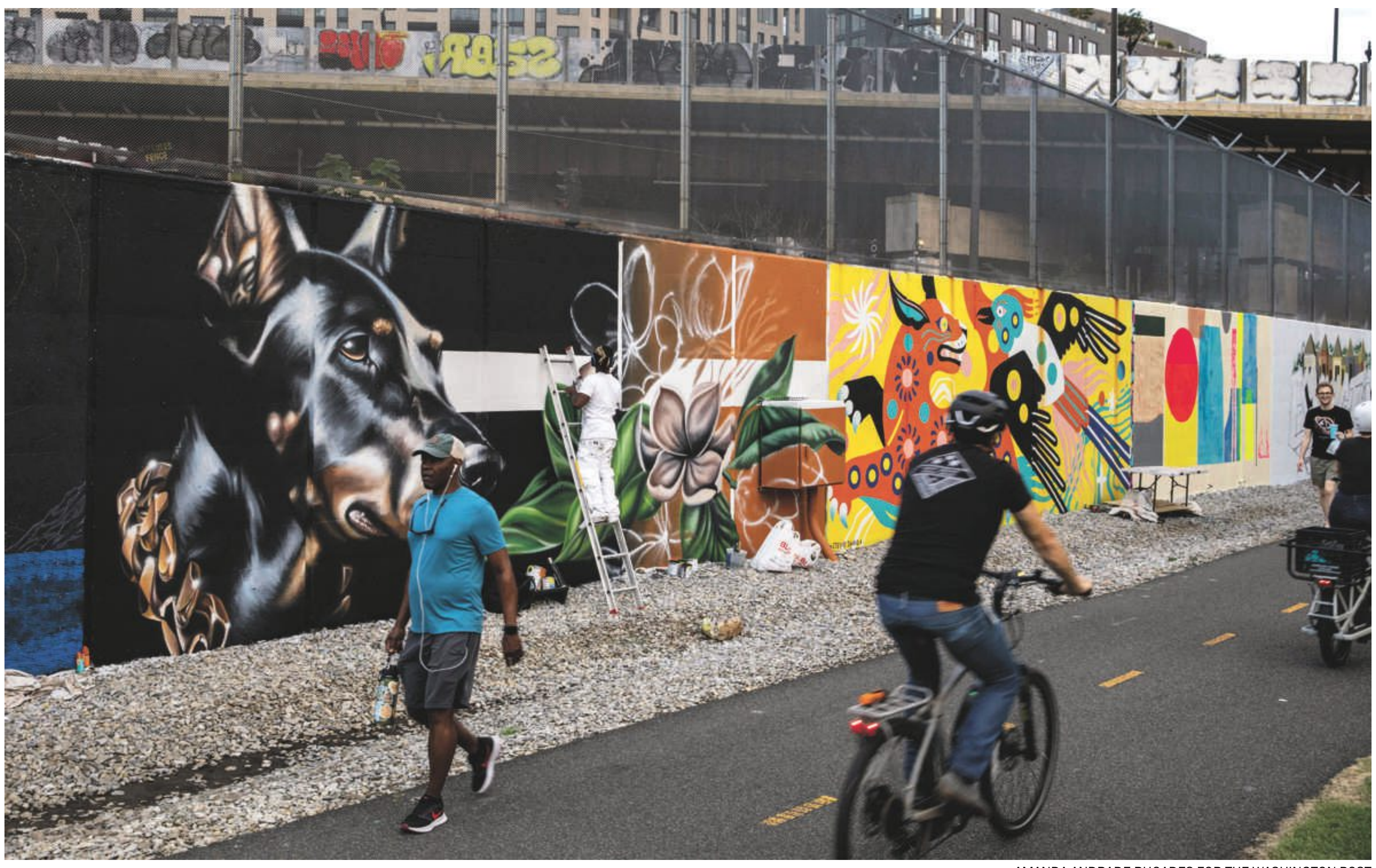
"If somebody is having a rough day, it's just a little reminder that they're not alone, and if they're having a good day, I just want them to pass by and be cheered on by it," said Craigie-Marshall, who lives in Frederick County, Md., and whose work has been selected for other events.

At a time when the pandemic has exacerbated mental health difficulties, she said, the more that people can support one another, the better. "What if this one message just comes in and helps them get through that day to the next? That's all I'm hoping," she said.

The arts celebration in NoMa, which continues through Oct. 19, includes movie nights, self-guided tours and live performances.

NoMa has been called the "mural capital of D.C." for its many pieces, said Brophy, the Business Improvement District leader. In previous years, murals were done by artists from across the country and the world. This is the first year it's been limited to locals. The murals are expected to stay up a year, then be replaced by others.

The area provides a lot of visibility for artworks, being so near to the popular park and along the well-traveled trail. Passersby stop to ask questions or take photos.



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Gentry Pack, also known as G. Pack, paints his mural along the Metropolitan Branch Trail. The installments cover 900 linear feet of wall.

Many ask how long the artists have spent working on their murals (at least several days).

Some cheer them on.

Pushing her daughter in a stroller on Sunday, Kameya Shows-Ciers stopped to marvel at Campbell's work. Campbell said the pandemic opened the way to a full-time career in art. She was a 2012 graduate of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in D.C., then studied art in college. Campbell lives in Southwest Washington.

"Amazing!" Shows-Ciers said.

Artist Yewande Kotun Davis, 33, said her goal was to reflect the longtime residents of the Eckington neighborhood, who predate recent business investments in the area. Her mural is called "Joy's Reverie," with a beaming woman flashing a gaptoothed smile, set against a floral landscape.

"She's just surrounded by color and brightness," Davis said of the woman in her mural. "And I feel like the image really tries to capture the light in all of us."

While she was painting the mural, Davis commuted to the neighborhood before dawn every day — arriving as people were practicing yoga in the park and the rising sun glinted off nearby buildings and her mural. Just a few months ago, she left her public health job to work full time as an artist.

"It's a piece that's meant to be felt," she said.

The joy of life was similarly inspiring for Rae Akino. In her piece, a woman with a wide smile is flashing a peace sign against a colorful background with bright rowhouses.

Akino, 32, who grew up in and near the District, wanted to capture the high energy and exuberance she remembers of family and friends, including an uncle in a go-go band. "I hope to represent the culture of D.C. for its natives," she said.

Making art in public has its charms, Akino and others said.

It's not just that people walking the trail take photos or ask for social media handles and websites. It's also that the often solitary hours of art-making are far more communal, with artists inspired by one another.

"Every time I come here, I have to walk down the trail just to see what's going on — and it's a lot of fun," Akino said. "Doing the mural, I really felt the sense of community among the artists and the public."

Eight defendants still await trial in man's death at Virginia mental hospital

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was held before being transported to Central State Hospital.

Otieno's death March 6 sparked nationwide outrage over law enforcement's treatment of a Black man in custody, with his family likening it to the killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis. Experts said it also pointed to failures in the way Virginia's criminal justice and mental health systems deal with people in apparent crisis, following a string of high-profile tragedies.

Otieno's mother, Caroline Ouko, said she raced to get medication to him at a hospital after police first encountered him March 3, but was turned away and then became shocked to learn that her son had been booked in the jail. Authorities have said Otieno was taken to the Henrico County jail because he was "assaultive" in the first medical center where he was taken, Parham Doctors' Hospital, before he was taken from the jail to Central State Hospital three days later, on March 6.

Shannon Taylor, the top prosecutor in Henrico County, declined to comment on the settlement Wednesday but said her office's investigation into the circumstances of Otieno's death is still underway. Dinwiddie County Commonwealth's Attorney Jonathan Bourlier did not respond to a request for comment about the ongoing criminal case.

A spokeswoman for Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) called Otieno's death a "profound tragedy" and said Youngkin pushed for the settlement with his family.

"The governor pushed for a settlement with the hope that doing so proactively and fairly might alleviate — in a small way — some of the suffering that Irvo's mother and brother faced, recognizing that no settlement can take the place of a loved one," Youngkin spokeswoman Macaulay Porter said. "Governor Youngkin remains committed to transforming the behavioral health system to ensure that those in crisis will receive the care they need and that they will receive it at the right time and in the right place."

House Oversight Committee advances bill to extend D.C.'s lease of RFK site

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bring it to productive use. Extending that lease to 99 years will allow us to do that and have a very thoughtful conversation about what happens next."

The bill, the RFK Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act, would allow D.C. to lease the RFK site from the federal government for 99 years, while broadly expanding the development possibilities. The current lease allows for recreation and a sports stadium. But this bill would allow the residential and commercial components necessary to bring to life the vision of a stadium as an anchor to a mixed-use development, which is an approach popular among National Football League owners.

Perry said he was not opposed to developments such as stores, restaurants and housing for D.C. residents. "What I am opposed to is the use of public funds to pay for the redevelopment of the site for a multibillion-dollar sports franchise," he said.

The entire debate surrounding the stadium underscored the sensitive nature of trying to attract a professional sports team to a city if public funds are involved. D.C. has not yet decided how it would finance a stadium if the Commanders were to decide they wanted to come to D.C. — but the complexities of that decision are already percolating as the RFK bill winds through Congress and as D.C. Council members are divided on whether to build a stadium and how to finance it.

That same division animated members of Congress on Wednesday — in politically unexpected ways. Oversight Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.) opposed restricting how D.C. spends its money on developing RFK — while Raskin, the ranking Democrat on the committee who has rallied for D.C. statehood, supported the amendment.

Rep. Daniel S. Goldman (D-N.Y.), who said he grew up in D.C. rooting for the Washington team at RFK and would welcome a new stadium, summed up the odd political situation this way: "I'm not sure what is cosmically going on where I am agreeing with the chairman and disagreeing with my friend the ranking member."

Comer said Congress should not be creating a "unique prohibition" on D.C. by blocking the city from using public funds if it decides to use them on a stadium. The city, he said, should have flexibility for its redevelopment plans. He recognized that he wasn't always opposed to restricting D.C. — he was instrumental in pushing to block a pair of crime and policing bills — but said in this case he wanted to work with Bowser to help the city economically. He worried Perry's amendment would "hinder" that goal.

"We've been critical of some of the decisions the Washington council has made with respect to crime. But I believe we've got to do what we can to work with the city to create jobs, and to take a vacant property and redevelop it — that's what we want," Comer said.

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) was aligned with Comer, saying city officials "should be able to decide for themselves how to spend D.C. dollars."

Raskin, however, agreed with Perry's fundamental position: opposing the use of taxpayer dollars to build a sports stadium for a multibillion-dollar private entity. "We have a national problem with municipalities, counties and states being shaken down by very popular billion-dollar franchises," Raskin said in an interview after the debate.

Maryland is expected to compete with D.C. and Virginia as the



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RFK Stadium was the home of Washington sports teams and their fans for nearly six decades, but the site is now in disrepair.

Washington Commanders consider locations for a new stadium in all three jurisdictions, though Raskin added he also opposes the use of public funds for the Commanders in his home state.

Considering Raskin's long support for D.C. autonomy, he and Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-Va.) got in a brief back and forth during the hearing about whether the amendment would trample on D.C.'s sovereignty.

"I don't like using taxpayer dollars for stadiums," Connolly said. "That's my philosophical position. That's different, though, than proscribing what the District of Columbia can do" with its local funds.

Raskin sought to make a distinction: D.C.'s lease was with the federal government — which is in Congress's jurisdiction, in his view making conditions on the lease appropriate. "It doesn't seem like a pure home rule question," he said, referring to D.C.'s ability to govern itself, "because it's a question about the disposition of federal land, which we control."

Bowser shot back afterward in a gaggle with reporters, saying "Maryland" — by which she clearly suggested Raskin — was putting up a "very concerted effort . . . to handcuff us." "I see a lot of ironies here, like those who advocate for D.C. statehood and home rule also arguing for their own self-interest instead of what's best" for D.C. and the RFK land, Bowser said.

"That is not true," Raskin said in an interview afterward, arguing his position was separate from his feelings about D.C. home rule. "I oppose government spending tax dollars on stadiums in general as a form of corporate welfare." Both he and Mfume ultimately supported the bill extending the lease.

Bowser lobbied members of the committee in the hours after the debate, urging them to vote against Perry's amendment, which she called a "clear attack on home rule" in a letter to the members of the committee.

The room was silent as the clerk read the roll call when the committee returned to take a vote on Perry's amendment. After the votes were tallied and the amendment failed, Comer looked at the breakdown and called it "the most interesting coalition" he had ever seen. "We'll be studying that roll call vote for decades," he joked.

Should the RFK legislation pass Congress, a similar debate about financing a stadium is very likely to play out on the D.C. Council. No official proposals have been put forth about how to finance a stadium; Bowser said the administration is still working to select a contractor to conduct a "sports study" that could illuminate potential stadium funding options.

Bowser said she wanted to collect feedback from experts before putting together any proposal, but she added: "There's no one in that room who cares more about the interests of people of the District of Columbia than I do. It's only in my interest to advance the best scenario for D.C. and our taxpayers."

Already, at least six D.C. Council members told The Washington Post they would not support public funding, with a handful of others still opposed to any stadium. But they were unified in support of the federal bill.

"It's no secret that I don't believe an NFL stadium is the best idea at this location, but I'll make sure everyone knows I think this legislation is a good deal for the District," council member Charles Allen (D-Ward 6) said ahead of a council meeting Tuesday. "Whether we agree or disagree on a stadium, we should be the ones that get to make that decision, and that to me is the bottom line."

The Commanders, with new ownership led by managing partner Josh Harris, are in the early stages of searching for a site to put a new stadium. Harris has not specified whether he prefers D.C., Maryland or Virginia, and when asked about the search, he's been careful to remain noncommittal and thank all the local leaders for welcoming him to town.

Moore has said he'll support giving the team public funds, though he hasn't specified how much, while Virginia cannot currently offer public funds because it has not passed a stadium authority bill. The commonwealth cannot introduce legislation until the General Assembly convenes early next year, but if Harris's group were to privately finance the stadium in full, it could build in Virginia without a stadium authority.

Wednesday's House Oversight action came the day after a favorable hearing for the RFK legislation in a House Natural Resources subcommittee hearing, where a D.C. official and National Park Service representatives encouraged members to back the bill.

Delano Hunter, the acting director of the D.C. Department of General Services, told the committee that the legislation could allow D.C. to transform the site into a premier destination for sports and recreation. Right now, he said, aside from some fields for recreational sports, "most of the 190-acre campus sits empty day in and day out."

Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-Wis.) said he recently went by RFK for the first time recently and it struck him as a "blight on the landscape." The city, he said, should have control to turn it into an asset for the community.

"I'd prefer to give more freedom and flexibility, with the accountability that should be in there," Tiffany said of the bill. "I don't want us to be micromanaging."

Michael Brice-Saddler contributed to this report.

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Tom Carrico, band manager and a mainstay of the D.C. music scene, is retiring



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What does a band manager do?

"Nobody knows," said **Tom Carrico**, who has managed bands in Washington since 1965, when he simultaneously managed his high school band, the Showmen, and played bass in it. "It's different for every manager and every artist."

What does a band manager do?

"The manager does everything that no one else wants to do," said **Mark Wenner** of venerable D.C. blues band the Nighthawks, which Carrico managed in the early 1970s.

What does a band manager do?

"He helps mold the trajectory that an artist has," said **Michael Shereikis** of the Carrico-managed Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band. "He tries to figure out all those questions that musicians often don't have the bandwidth to think about."

And what is a band manager *like*?

"The traditional manager is kind of an oily, unctuous kind of guy," Shereikis said. That's the stereotype, anyway. But, he said, "You meet Tom, and it's not like that at all. You trust him right away."

On Sunday, some of the artists who have trusted Carrico with their careers will celebrate his with a night of music at Rosensteel Hall in Silver Spring. At 72, Carrico is retiring from the biz.

"I just realized, who am I kidding?" he said. "It's time to move on."

Carrico was 15 when he started managing the Showmen, an R&B cover band composed of students from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High. It was by default. The band practiced in his basement. He would book the group at teen clubs and VFWs around the area, anchored by a lucrative regular gig at St. John's College High School. As a hardcore music fan, he would go to the Howard Theatre to see the likes of **Otis Redding**, **James Brown** and **Martha and the Vandellas**.

When he was a student at Montgomery College in Rockville, Carrico began booking such artists as the Youngbloods, the Guess Who and the Earl Scruggs Revue. Then he got into managing, working first with the Nighthawks, then such acts as **Mary Chapin Carpenter**, **Billy Price and the Keystone Rhythm Band**, **Evan Johns and the H-Bombs**, the **Slickee Boys**, **Bobby Thompson** and **Eryn Michel**.



COLLECTION OF LES HATLEY

The Showmen, a band of Bethesda high-schoolers that played in the D.C. area in the late 1960s. In the back row at right is Tom Carrico.

What is the key to the manager/artist bond?

"It's different for every manager and every artist," Carrico said. "It's how you craft a relationship that has you representing others while advising them — and trying not to take over or assume any power position. I think that's one of the errors people make when they ask about a manager. They'll ask clients of mine, 'What's it like working for Tom Carrico?' I'll go: 'Hold on. I'm working *for them*. They don't work *for me*.' "

He started working with Chopteeth 18 years ago, after walking into a Colombian restaurant on Georgia Avenue. Somebody said he might like the band, which boasts a dozen members.

"He plucked us out of obscurity," said Shereikis, guitarist and singer in the band. "He saw something in us we're not sure we saw. Tom is a big part of whatever success Chopteeth has had."

Like the music in D.C. itself, the type of music Carrico has worked with is diverse, from country to rock, blues to African funk. Is there something his clients have had in common?

"Great material," he said. "I tend to favor songwriters. I tend to not favor bands that aren't songwriters, not due to any built-in prejudice, just this is a rugged business. If you're going to go for it, you've got to have all the goods to go for it."

As for Carrico, he's spent his five-decade career being . . . decent.

"Carrico has always been an absolute straight shooter. No shenanigans," said Wenner. "He wasn't cutthroat. I've met band managers that could whine their way into getting something done or just were so aggressive, these bullying kind of characters. And Carrico is just a nice guy."

Ouch. A nice guy in the music business.

I asked Carrico if a manager needs to be a jerk, except I used a ruder two-syllable word.

"I can see the advantages to it, for sure," he said. "I tried to avoid falling into that."

And it's unlikely a jerk would get the warm send-off Carrico will receive Sunday, with a lineup that includes the Nighthawks, Chopteeth, King Soul, Goin' Gone, Billy Price and others he's worked with. The show is a fundraiser for the After Dark Fund. Tickets are $25. For information, visit *facebook.com/AfterDarkFund*.



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Judge Pauline Newman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, in her D.C. office. She is refusing to cooperate with an investigation into whether she can keep doing the work.

At 96, U.S. judge wants to stay in job

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by transferring to another tribunal," her attorney Greg Dolin said. "This was entirely avoidable." The lawsuit is ongoing; Dolin says Newman also plans to appeal Wednesday's order to the federal courts' Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability, made up of seven judges from around the country.

The court says in its order that it is Newman's recalcitrance that led to these "very sad proceedings."

Newman was one of the first judges appointed to the Federal Circuit, which hears cases involving patents and trademarks along with some other claims involving government contracts and benefits. A trained chemist who helped invent a new type of synthetic fabric, she is known as a vociferous defender of the patent system amid a backlash spurred by "patent trolls" who claim broad inventions.

She is also known for her dissents and for taking a long time to write them. But Chief Judge Kimberly A. Moore argued that Newman's output in the past two years was so meager, despite a reduced caseload, that it was necessary to ask her to retire or take less onerous "senior status."

Newman declined. Moore then convened a panel of three judges to investigate Newman's competence, which recommended the suspension to the rest of the court in July. Newman has not been assigned new cases since the investigation began, which she says in her lawsuit is a denial of due process.

Because Newman would not submit to a neurological examination and interview set up by the committee or share her medical records, the court ultimately ruled only on her failure to engage with the investigation. But the order also details what the judges describe as "overwhelming evidence that Judge Newman may be experiencing significant mental problems."

Newman did undergo about four hours of evaluation with a forensic psychiatrist and a neurologist, both of whom deemed her mentally fit, and argues she is actually slightly more productive in recent months than previously.

"I am not physically disabled; I am not mentally disabled. I may talk too much, but that's always been true," Newman said in an interview earlier this year.

The court dismissed those psychiatric reports as inadequate, noting that the doctors were chosen by Newman, relied on her for information and gave tests far shorter than the six-hour cognitive exam the judicial committee wanted.

Included in the order are emails in which Newman appears not to remember having agreed to let a law clerk change jobs and repeatedly demands return of a computer she was told did not belong to her. (Newman's attorney said the judge had accepted that the clerk would leave but did not know he would go to another judge.) In affidavits, court employees say she had begun having trouble keeping track of her files and the status of various cases, started struggling to use technology, and would claim her phone was "bugged" and her computers "hacked."

"I would describe Judge Newman as ranting, rambling, and paranoid," one information technology staffer wrote in an affidavit. According to the order, the clerk of court "advised staff to avoid interacting with her in person or, when they must, to bring a co-worker with them."

Newman's paralegal said that after he complained about a law clerk treating him inappropriately, including by calling in the middle of the night with personal requests, the judge retaliated against the paralegal and threatened to have him arrested.

"I love, revere, and admire Judge Newman personally and professionally for all her accomplishments and who she is as a person, which makes the last few months so much more difficult," the paralegal wrote in an affidavit.

Dolin blamed the court's refusal to transfer the investigation for Newman's mistrustful behavior, and suggested staffers exaggerated or distorted their concerns about the judge to curry favor with the chief judge.

"Given how Judge Newman was treated," he said, "can you really blame Judge Newman for not taking what she's been told at value?"

Even if Newman's managerial style was unpleasant for some staffers, he argued in an August filing, it was nothing she could be disciplined for, as federal judges have significant power over their offices: "It is entirely Judge Newman's prerogative to determine when to work and when to expect assistance of her chambers staff."

The Federal Circuit judges are acting under a 1980 law that allows for judicial sanction by colleagues, as long as the punishment is not removal from office or indefinite suspension. Had the committee deemed Newman disabled, another judge could be appointed by the president, but she would still not be forced to retire. The only generally accepted way to remove a federal judge from the bench entirely is impeachment.

In the August filing, her attorneys argued that while the court committee could stop assigning Newman cases under a misconduct order, they cannot bar her from "en banc" hearings that include the full court or make the punishment renewable indefinitely.

"The Committee's remit is limited only to sanctioning judges for past conduct, rather than attempting to directly compel some future conduct," they wrote.

The court dismissed Newman's criticisms of the process as baseless, saying that keeping the investigation in the Federal Circuit was more efficient.

"Judge Newman can, at any time, end this suspension, by . . . allowing the Committee to complete its investigation," they wrote.

Arthur Hellman, a law professor at the University of Pittsburgh who studies the federal court system, said the order was "quite persuasive that there's reason to be concerned about Judge Newman's cognitive abilities." But he said there is "no judicial precedent" making clear that a court can force a judge to undergo medical testing or impose a renewable sanction. He expects she will argue that the punishment violates the Constitution "because it is the functional equivalent of removing the judge from office."

VIRGINIA

'Missing middle' policy heads to court

BY TEO ARMUS

The 10 Arlington homeowners who sued their Northern Virginia county earlier this year over a controversial rezoning plan have argued those changes violate state law or existing court rulings on seven different counts. But at a lengthy court hearing Tuesday, a lawyer for the county suggested their lawsuit, which seeks to restore single-family-only zoning in this Washington suburb, is grounded in a single, much simpler objection.

"They want to overturn a public process that took years because they did not like the result," Arlington County Attorney MinhChau Corr said. "What you have here is a group of citizens who disagree with their government" and that is "not enough" to potentially win a lawsuit.

At issue, say the homeowners, including a prominent conservative political pundit, is whether the "missing middle" policy that county lawmakers adopted in March will harm them by leading to higher tax assessments, clogged sewers, and overcrowded streets and schools. They also argued in court filings that the county ran afoul of state law by failing to properly initiate the zoning change, to advertise the plan, to study its potential impact or to share public documents.

While they have asked a judge to stop missing middle from being implemented, the judge must first decide whether the homeowners have the legal standing to sue. The missing middle policy makes it easier to build residential dwellings with as many as four, and in most cases six, units in neighborhoods that had for decades been set aside for only single-family houses.

For more than a year, missing middle prompted a fiery debate in Arlington that largely pitted single-family homeowners like the plaintiffs against a coalition of renters, racial-justice advocates and urbanist groups. In lengthy government meetings, social media chains and dozens of civic forums, they clashed over whether the policy will overwhelm their neighborhoods or help lower housing costs in this expensive county. (The median home price in Arlington was just under $700,000 over the past year.)

The lawsuit has pushed that fight into a new arena: the court of law. Before a judge, as well as a small crowd of fervent advocates for or against missing middle, lawyers sparred in Arlington Circuit Court and rehashed earlier aspects of the debate. "The public was all over the place because the county was all over the place in terms of what was being proposed," Gifford Hampshire, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said. "That is just not right."

Part of the lawsuit alleged that county officials had not properly made public records related to the plan available to residents. The lead plaintiff, Marcia Nordgren, took the stand to testify on her experience seeking the thousands of emails that had been sent to county lawmakers ahead of the vote, which were not posted online.

But Corr said county planners had carefully examined potential impacts, even if separate studies had not been published, and noted that the county is not required to post those emails online, only that they be made available in some form under public records law.

Corr also noted that missing middle, formally known as Expanded Housing Options (EHO), does not guarantee a duplex will be built next to each of the plaintiffs. "No one has to develop under EHO," she said. "It is an option." Arlington County spokesman Ryan Hudson declined to comment on the ongoing litigation.

The hearing had been delayed for months after all the judges in Arlington Circuit Court recused themselves. The Virginia Supreme Court appointed David Schell, a retired Fairfax judge, to preside over the case. Schell told the courtroom he expects to rule on the case on Oct. 19. Since missing middle went into effect on July 1, plans for eight properties, most of them six-unit buildings near Metro stations, have already been approved, while county officials are reviewing plans for another 19 projects.

Arlington is far from the only place in the United States that has explored missing middle as a way to tackle soaring housing costs. Similar zoning changes have been debated or approved by a growing number of local governments across the nation and the Washington region, including in neighboring Alexandria. At least four states have passed their own versions of missing middle.

But as those efforts generate their own intense debate and controversy, critics in Arlington and elsewhere have pointed to one recent development in what is arguably the birthplace of missing middle. Such news has no direct bearing on the Arlington lawsuit, but they said it adds momentum to their cause of opposing missing middle and similar policies. In Minneapolis, which in 2018 became the first major city to eliminate single-family-only zoning, a county judge ruled earlier this month that the city must halt that policy.

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Little League officials sued over alleged cheating

BY FREDRICK KUNKLE

A cheating scandal among adults who oversee one of D.C.'s Little Leagues has landed in court.

Erin M. Sweeney, a board member of the Northwest Washington Little League, sued the organization this week, alleging that its president, Ricky Davenport, broke the rules to build a pint-size powerhouse at the expense of rival Little Leagues in the city. The complaint also says Davenport has been gaming the system for years with the rest of the board's connivance — allegations Davenport and the other members of the board have denied.

Molly Quigley, who is also a board member and parent in the league, said Wednesday that while it's possible there have been lapses in Northwest Washington Little League's administrative affairs, these are the kind of minor oversights one finds in any volunteer organization in which parents and others do their best to manage hundreds of children.

But she rejected the notion that Davenport or others have cheated or manipulated the rules to poach children from other leagues, and she accused the accusers of mean-spirited overkill.

"We have acknowledged failures or things that we haven't been in compliance with. But it's not malicious," Quigley said. "I know it's easy to look at this and feel like Ricky wants to win. But if you know Ricky, or if your kid was on his team, you would understand that is not his motivation."

Davenport, an employee in the District's Parks and Recreation Department who is also known as Davenport-Thomas, did not immediately respond to calls and an email seeking comment.

The complaint — which builds on a letter co-written by Sweeney and another parent on the board that brought the allegations to light last month — offers new details about alleged scheming that helped Northwest Washington Little League poach players from rival leagues on its way to winning D.C. state titles the past two years. It also points a finger at Little League officials who oversee the city's leagues for failing to take a more active role in ensuring that the rules are followed and that the city's teams compete on a level playing field.

The complaint, filed late Monday in D.C. Superior Court, says Davenport habitually flouted rules on player eligibility — which is based on a child's age and residency or school attendance — to hoard talent for his own team and Northwest Washington Little League. Davenport also allegedly manipulated draft scores to grab the best players and sometimes lied to fellow board members, as well as state and regional Little League officials, the complaint says. It says such machinations have put the league and its players at risk of disqualification and made a travesty of what Little League is supposed to be about.

"NWLL's core values, objectives and principles are supposed to be rooted, not in winning at all costs, but the well-being of children," Sweeney says in the complaint, which for now seeks access to certain documents all board members are entitled to. Sweeney, an attorney and board member, otherwise declined to comment.

Mike Klisch — an attorney who is on the board, serves as the league's majors commissioner overseeing the division for 9-to-12-year-olds and is the co-author of the 40-page letter that first raised the allegations — also declined to comment.

The complaint says Davenport maneuvered to allow star players to register for Northwest Washington Little League — including Davenport's regular season team and the all-important summer all-star team for children 12 years old and under, which he also coached — even though those players lived outside the league's boundaries.

Although children can obtain waivers to continue playing for a Little League even after they've moved outside the boundaries, Davenport allegedly fudged the paperwork or simply lied.

In one instance, Davenport persisted in registering a child in the league on false pretenses even after the child's parent repeatedly tried to ensure the rules were being followed and declared that he wanted no part of "dishonesty," the complaint says. It says that as a result of bending the rules, Davenport's teams unfairly dominated competitors inside and outside Northwest Washington Little League.

During the regular season, the complaint says, Davenport unfairly stacked his team, the Grays, with three star players whose stats might be the envy of some Major League Baseball Hall of Famers: The trio's batting averages were all better than .556, they were tops in runs batted in, and their combined pitching all but shut down hitters. In 15 games, the trio allowed 11 earned runs. The team so thoroughly trounced others that it often left the field accompanied by cries of "cheater" from opponents, the complaint says.

In the 2022 postseason, the complaint says, Northwest Washington Little League allegedly bent the rules to field a star player — identified as Player C — who helped clinch the city championship even though he wasn't eligible to play for its team. During a semifinal in the series, Northwest Washington Little League sent Player C to the mound against a rival Little League he actually should have been playing for. The organization's all-star team then advanced to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship in Bristol, Conn., and a shot, which ultimately fell short, at the Little League World Series.

This year, the Northwest Washington Little League's summer all-stars — substantially the same crew from 2022 — returned to Bristol. Their run ended Aug. 11 after losing a second time to a Pennsylvania team in the regional tournament.

When confronted with accusations of wrongdoing, Davenport allegedly stonewalled, fabricated and withheld documents, including the waiver forms. Meanwhile, other board members — even those who discovered "irregularities" in the league's documentation of eligibility — closed ranks around Davenport and looked the other way, the complaint says. It says Davenport and the board also retaliated against Klisch and Sweeney for raising the issues.

But Quigley disputed the allegations about irregularities, saying she has seen documentation to refute claims that Player C was ineligible. Asked why the paperwork wasn't shared with Klisch and Sweeney, she said Davenport and others did not trust how the accusers, particularly Klisch, would use it, particularly after the Aug. 13 letter identified some children and their parents by name.

A senior official with Capitol City Little League, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss alleged wrongdoing in a league this person also has to cooperate with, said there was merit to the allegations.

"The issues here are concerning, and we have witnessed attempts to register and retain non-allowable players. Eligibility claims about participants taken from other leagues are similarly troubling," the official said.

The pleading also lists other alleged wrongdoing, saying that Davenport — selectively, and without board oversight — allowed some families to sign up without paying registration fees or properly showing hardship, and that umpires were paid even though they refused to umpire games.

Quigley, in an interview, said there was no evidence of financial improprieties. She defended the league's use of financial assistance for some families and said Davenport did nothing wrong.

"The president did that on his own, as he has the authority to do," Quigley said. "Our mission is to allow children to play baseball."

Steven Davidson, an attorney with Steptoe & Johnson who is representing Northwest Washington Little League, said its board takes the allegations seriously and has appointed a special committee to investigate the allegations.

THERESA VARGAS

College students detail needs that vulnerable building could fill

VARGAS FROM B1

Oocumma and others now fear those gardens — and much more — will be lost if D.C. and the university are allowed to move forward with a proposal that calls for demolishing Building 41 and constructing a facility to house the D.C. Archives.

They worry that environmental and noise pollution will disturb students and keep them from wanting to spend any extra time on campus. They worry that losing the building to the city will mean losing an opportunity to provide child care on campus and create much-needed student housing. They worry that they are just now finding out about these plans and that there is truth in the message they've been hearing: "This is a done deal."

"I think they are going to do what they want to do," student Autry Smalls told me. Smalls is the president of the public health club at the school, and he is concerned that having a construction site on campus for years will affect air quality, create noise that will distract from learning, and represent an eyesore. "It's not good for mental health, physical health. It's just not good health-wise at all."

If you haven't previously heard about the plans for Building 41, you're not alone. I spent time this week speaking to six people who have been active on the campus for years, and they all said they only learned about the plans in recent weeks and months. All six plan to testify Thursday at a D.C. Zoning Commission hearing. Each shared with me different concerns, but they all expressed the same hope: that city officials will give the public more time to learn about the project and offer input before deciding whether the plans should move forward.

A page on the D.C. Department of General Services website describes the purpose of the project. "The new facility will provide better security for the collections and enhanced access for the public, while allowing for future expansion," reads one line.

A 258-page report on the project tells of a long-recognized need for a place to house city records (it describes them as stored in at least 13 facilities across the region) and details a site selection process that took place in 2015. The Department of General Services, the report says, awarded Hartman-Cox Architects in association with EYP Architecture a contract in 2022 to design a new home for the archives where Building 41 stands.

A new facility is no doubt needed. Preserving the past is important. But preserving the past should not be prioritized over building the future, and those UDC students are our future. What they are asking for is not much. They are asking to be heard on an issue that will directly affect their lives.

When Doneka Brooks testifies Thursday, she will tell the commission that she is a single mother who works, studies and volunteers on campus. She will explain how a day-care center that is run out of the otherwise empty Building 41 will close and how that space could be used to expand child-care education and services for students and employees.

"We have an early-childhood education program at UDC, but no day-care center on campus for students who need day care for their children," Brooks, who has a 3-year-old daughter, will tell them. She will tell them that the building could be used to offer after-school care to young people in the community, which would help prevent gun violence, or provide much-needed housing for students like her. "It would really help me and my child if I could have housing on campus with a nearby day-care center."

When Mary Beth Tinker testifies, she will tell the commission that she lives near the university, volunteers on campus with the garden club, and is a student. She will also tell them: "A great deception is taking place that the UDC community — especially students and neighbors — are being asked to bear the burden of. I know because I have been there for every step of it."

She testified in 2021 about the UDC Campus Master Plan, and at the time, there was no mention of demolishing Building 41, even though city and university officials already knew that would occur, she said. When she and others started looking into the issue, they discovered that in 2019 the D.C. Council approved a budget item that called for allocating $73 million for the archives to relocate to a "stand-alone, purpose-built new facility." The address listed was for UDC.

Tinker will tell the commission that the question they are really deciding is this: "Should UDC students have a fair chance at weighing in on how the building would best serve THEIR needs?"

One of the slides Oocumma shared during that presentation lists questions that remain for students and other community members.

"How did this project get so far without the community knowing about it?" reads one.

"Can we have a real debate about how best to use Building 41?" reads another.

MARYLAND

Teen found with loaded gun at Pr. George's school

BY JASMINE HILTON AND NICOLE ASBURY

A 17-year-old is accused of bringing a loaded gun, with an "attached machine conversion device," onto school property at Fairmont Heights High School on Wednesday morning, Prince George's County police said in a news release.

The teen, a junior at the school located in the Landover area, was taken into custody, according to police. He will be charged as an adult with weapons offenses, including having a loaded handgun on person, machine gun "aggressive purpose, rapid fire trigger activator violation," and possession of a controlled substance, police said in the news release.

A school resource officer was notified just before 11 a.m. that security personnel from Prince George's County Public Schools recovered a gun from the teen, police said.

According to an initial investigation, a witness told administrators the teen "may possess illegal drugs." The loaded gun and drugs were found during a search of the student, police said in the release.

Police said the drugs were marijuana. An investigation is ongoing.

Prince George's County Public Schools is in the process of implementing weapons detectors in every high school and some middle schools as an additional security measure. Fairmont Heights did not have weapons detectors yet, schools spokeswoman Meghan Gebreselassie said in an email to The Washington Post. The high school is expected to receive weapons detectors in October, she said.

"Once received, our community can expect swift implementation of this technology which reduces the risk of students, staff or visitors entering schools with dangerous objects," Gebreselassie said. "As always, we will continue to exercise every means possible to ensure safe learning environments for students and staff and we ask the community to join us in this collective effort."

The school district has "zero tolerance for weapons on campus or actions that compromise the safety of our students and staff," Gebreselassie said.

"Today, we are grateful for the swift and decisive action taken by school security staff and our law enforcement partners which prevented a potentially serious incident at Fairmont Heights High School," Gebreselassie said.

OBITUARIES

JONATHAN SHEPPARD, 82

Horse trainer rewrote book on steeplechase

BY BRIAN MURPHY



JAE C. HONG/AP

Jonathan Sheppard compiled more than 1,240 steeplechase victories, and the horses he trained earned nearly $25 million in prize money.

Jonathan Sheppard, a renowned horse trainer who specialized in the challenging discipline of steeplechase, compiling a record of more than 1,240 victories including at least one win a year at the difficult Saratoga Springs circuit over nearly five decades, died Aug. 27 at his home in Hollywood, Fla. He was 82.

The death was announced by the National Steeplechase Association. Mr. Sheppard had complications from Lyme disease.

Mr. Sheppard's influence on the sport was all-encompassing — shattering records for first-place finishes and earnings and whose training techniques virtually rewrote the book for steeplechase, races up to 4.5 miles in which horse and rider face obstacles such as fences, hedges, ditches and water jumps.

The British-born Mr. Sheppard was involved in 1,242 steeplechase wins between 1966 and his retirement after the pandemic-shortened 2020 racing season. His horses earned nearly $25 million in prize money in steeplechase, according to the racing tracker Equibase. He also trained horses that pulled in more than $62 million more in purses in flat-track thoroughbred racing, where his greatest success came with Storm Cat in 1985. The 2-year-old male, ridden by Chris McCarron, won the Young America Stakes at the Meadowlands and was nosed out by Tasso at the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at the Aqueduct racecourse.

But steeplechase was where Mr. Sheppard made his enduring mark, winning at least one race each season at the venerable Saratoga Race Course during a 47-year span from 1969 to 2015. "The Babe Ruth of steeplechasing," said the National Steeplechase Association's director of racing, Bill Gallo.

Mr. Sheppard's mystique may have been strongest far from the winner's circles. He crafted his own training regimes — part inherited knowledge passed down by generations of British trainers and part personal intuition. He allowed his horses to roam for hours at his Ashwell Stable in West Grove, Pa., and then often took them for training runs over what he called the "Hundred Acre Field" rather than a groomed track.

He felt the uneven terrain and exposure to the elements helped strengthen horses and, for steeplechase, adapt them to the unpredictable conditions during a race.

"Most horses have a key that brings out the best in them, the same as people, I guess," he told the Tennessean in 1988. "Finding that key, that's the enjoyable side of it."

In 1970, Mr. Sheppard was handed the task of trying to rehabilitate the 9-year-old Mabrouk, owned and ridden by George Strawbridge Jr., a scion of the Campbell Soup Co. family fortune. Mabrouk had an injured leg tendon and Strawbridge wanted the horse ready for the 1971 Iroquois Memorial Steeplechase in Nashville.

Mr. Sheppard came up with a novel approach: leaving Mabrouk free to walk the winter meadows through ice and snow while the tendon healed. Mabrouk won the 1971 Iroquois in a record time and repeated the victory the following year.

Mr. Sheppard turned to Guinness beer to help one of his best flat-course horses, Forever Together, a thoroughbred mare that had trouble sweating and risked overheating during hot weather workouts and races. He gave her Guinness because he believed "it helps to promote perspiration," said an account in equestrian site Bloodhorse, adding that "an added bonus is that she likes the taste and therefore cleans up her feed."

Mr. Sheppard's greatest steeplechase horse, Flatterer, began as an unpromising prospect on the flat track. The gelding lost 14 of 18 races in the early 1980s. Mr. Sheppard then followed a hunch because of the horse's stamina and power. He tried Flatterer jumping over some fences. It was a match. Flatterer dominated steeplechase and hurdle races and is considered one of the sport's finest horses, including four straight Eclipse Awards as champion steeplechaser, before being retired from racing in 1987.

Janet Elliot, Mr. Sheppard's former protégée and a Hall of Fame trainer, said Mr. Sheppard had a "second sense" for a horse's potential. "He lets the horses dictate how he would train them," she said in 2019.

The successes were balanced by tragedies. Irish jockey Michael O'Brien, riding a horse trained by Mr. Sheppard, Athenian Idol, was paralyzed in 1974 from the waist down after the horse collapsed and died following a jump. O'Brien, who had been racing at the front of the back alongside his brother Leo O'Brien, received severe spinal injuries.

During the 1985 Iroquois race, one of Mr. Sheppard's horses, Double Reefed, ridden by Strawbridge, fell after a jump and shattered its shoulder bone. The horse was euthanized at the scene with an injection.

"It takes a couple of days to get hold of yourself after something like that," Mr. Sheppard recalled. "If that doesn't get to you, then the high points don't either."

Equestrian family

Jonathan Eustace Sheppard was born on Dec. 2, 1940, in Ashwell, England, in the Hertfordshire countryside between London and Cambridge. His mother was a homemaker, and his father was a senior official at the Jockey Club, one of the overseers of British horse racing tradition.

As a boy, the family governess showed him an article about the horses owned by the future Queen Elizabeth II. Mr. Sheppard wrote to the then Princess Elizabeth about his interest in becoming a jockey. He received an encouraging reply from the royal staff.

"It's not very often some 6-year-old boy writes to a princess and even more unusual to get a letter back saying how interested she is," he recalled in a 2013 profile by the equestrian journal the Chronicle of the Horse.

His father's job, however, meant that no relatives could be involved in training or other roles in competitive horse racing in Britain. Mr. Sheppard attended Eton College and then tried his hand in finance. "I was more interested in reading the Racing Form than the Financial Times," he told the Tennessean.

In 1961, he traveled to the United States to ride for Hall of Fame steeplechase trainer W. Burling Cocks. Mr. Sheppard returned to Britain in 1963, only to come back across the Atlantic two years later to seek work as a trainer.

His first victories came in 1966 with Haffaday at My Lady's Manor in Maryland. Haffaday went on win a series of races including the 1968 Maryland Hunt Cup.

In 1985, the Racing Hall of Fame inducted Café Prince, a two-time Eclipse champion trained by Mr. Sheppard for Strawbridge's Augustin Stable. Flatterer was inducted in 1994.

Mr. Sheppard was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 1990. He received steeplechasing's highest honor, the F. Ambrose Clark Award, in 2013.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, retired jockey Cathy Montgomery Sheppard, and three children from two previous marriages. A son from his second marriage, Jonathan Parker Sheppard, died in 2006 from injuries sustained from an assault in Durango, Colo. Complete information on survivors was not immediately available.

Even after stepping down from full-time training, Mr. Sheppard wasn't done. He shifted some of his horses to a stable in Ireland, where he was planning for future races.

"As long as I have mares spinning them out," he once said, "I will have horses to train."

OBITUARIES



THOMAS COEX/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Shabtai Shavit, seen in 2015 in Tel Aviv, led Israel's Mossad intelligence service from 1989 to 1996, a period in which the agency was involved in shadow diplomacy during major global political shifts.

SHABTAI SHAVIT, 84

Israeli spymaster helped open Jordan peace talks

BY BRIAN MURPHY

Shabtai Shavit, an Israeli spymaster whose career included an undercover life in Iran and command of an elite Mossad strike team before becoming head of the agency, where he used covert channels to help spur a 1994 peace pact with Jordan, died Sept. 5 while vacationing in Italy. He was 84.

Current and former Mossad officials were among mourners at Mr. Shavit's funeral on Sept. 8 in Ramat Hasharon, Israel. No cause of death was given.

Mr. Shavit's tenure as the Mossad's director general, from 1989 to 1996, tested wider roles for the agency in shadow diplomacy during major political shifts, including the collapse of the Soviet Union and the surge of the U.S. military into the Persian Gulf region to oust Iraqi forces from Kuwait in 1991.

Mr. Shavit was deeply entrenched in the Mossad's clandestine operations. In 1992, he traveled to Paris on a fake identity to direct a team suspected of gunning down Atef Bseiso, a top intelligence adviser to Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, according to an account by Israeli journalist Aaron Klein in the 2005 book "Striking Back: The 1972 Munich Olympics Massacre and Israel's Deadly Response." The Mossad, as often is the case, denied responsibility.

Yet Mr. Shavit also adapted to the challenges of reaching negotiated peace, believing that Israel hurt itself by emphasizing security defenses over diplomacy.

"All of this encloses the state of Israel," Mr. Shavit told the Israeli policy site Fathom in 2019. "But is this how we want to live? Why not try to invest all of this money and to try and reach our neighbors? Why shouldn't it be possible to drive to Damascus and eat hummus?"

With Jordan, Mr. Shavit's Mossad was called on to help calm its ruler at the time, King Hussein. The monarch was dismayed about being left out of talks in Oslo between Israel and Arafat's PLO. Mr. Shavit gave the go-ahead for one of his top deputies, Efraim Halevy, to arrange a secret meeting between Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1993. The king was reassured he would be kept in the loop on the Oslo dialogue.

The Jordanians also saw an opportunity to strike their own peace deal. The PLO's outreach to Israel allowed Jordan to pursue talks without risking serious backlash from other Arab states.

In April 1994, Hussein funneled a message to the Mossad that Jordan was ready for serious discussions. Halevy, who had cultivated ties with Jordan's royal family for years and later served as Mossad chief, was part of the negotiating team. President Bill Clinton came aboard as a mediator. By July 1994, Hussein and Rabin were shaking hands at the White House to announce the framework of a deal.

On the flight back from Washington, Hussein called Mr. Shavit at home to "thank me personally for my role in achieving peace," Mr. Shavit wrote in his memoir, "Head of the Mossad: In Pursuit of a Safe and Secure Israel" (2020).

The treaty was sealed in October at a ceremony on the Israeli-Jordanian border — Israel's first peace pact with an Arab state since a landmark accord with Egypt in 1979. More than two decades later, Israel normalized relations with other Arab states, including Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

The Oslo accords and their prospects of a possible Palestinian state eventually unraveled amid opposition from right-wing Israelis and violence in the second Palestinian intifada in 2000. The pact with Jordan also left many unfulfilled promises, such as failing to create major industrial zones and improved management of critical water resources.

Mr. Shavit laid much of the blame on the hard-line policies of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, including his encouragement of more Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Mr. Shavit further denounced Netanyahu and his allies for recent efforts to curb the powers of Israel's high court.

Mr. Shavit's tenure, however, also showcased apparent Mossad failures in intelligence gathering. Two deadly suicide attacks in Buenos Aires — a 1992 truck bombing at the Israeli Embassy and a 1994 explosion of a bomb-packed van at a Jewish community center — were believed directed by the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, according to a Mossad study. Twenty-nine people were killed in the embassy attack, and 85 lives were lost at the Jewish center.

In late 1995, Mr. Shavit warned Rabin's staff of credible threats to the prime minister but could not pinpoint any potential attackers, according to a 1999 book "Gideon's Spies: The Secret History of the Mossad" by British journalist Gordon Thomas. On Nov. 4, 1995, Rabin was killed by a right-wing Jewish extremist after a peace rally in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Shavit attended Rabin's memorial ceremonies. But his identity remained shielded. He was the last Mossad chief whose name was kept from the public, a policy later changed by political demands for greater transparency and accountability.

"I visited the world over, flying, driving, visiting, and I felt completely safe because no one knew my identity," he told the Jewish Insider in 2020. "Today it's by far more difficult for the incumbent — they cannot do it like I did it. They have to take all kinds of precautions, which makes life far more difficult."

Recruited by the Mossad

Shabtai Shavit was born on July 17, 1939, in Nesher near the Mediterranean port Haifa nine years before Israeli statehood. His father was a school principal, and his mother taught nursery school.

He served in the army and with a special forces unit. He earned a bachelor's degree in Middle East studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a master's in public administration from Harvard University.

He was recruited by the Mossad in 1964 and given field assignments that included Tehran during the pro-Western rule of the shah, who was toppled in the 1979 Islamic revolution. Mr. Shavit posed as a repatriated Iranian with his wife, Yael, also an intelligence agent, who said she was French Canadian.

After Israel prevailed in a 1973 war against allied Arab forces, Mr. Shavit was part of a Mossad team that addressed government questions over suspected intelligence gaps. From 1980 to 1985, he led the Mossad's secretive Caesarea division, which is thought to conduct special operations and targeted assassinations. He then was deputy to Mossad director Nahum Admoni before becoming his successor in 1989.

After leaving the Mossad, Mr. Shavit was chief executive of one of Israel's largest health networks, Maccabi Healthcare Services, and board chairman at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at Reichman University in Herzliya, Israel. He also advised the New York Fire Department on preparing for possible terrorism-related scenarios.

Mr. Shavit joined other Israeli officials to successfully lobby Clinton to pardon Marc Rich, a Belgian-born American oil trader who fled to Switzerland before being indicted in 1983 on federal charges of tax evasion and breaking sanctions by buying oil from Iran. Mr. Shavit lauded Rich for allowing Mossad agents to use his offices and bankrolling airlifts of Jews from Ethiopia and elsewhere during times of crisis.

Mr. Shavit also did not hold back at dispensing criticism at leaders and others he saw as a threat to Israel's security. He took frequent aim at President Donald Trump, including his 2018 withdrawal from a deal with Iran to limit its nuclear program.

The ultimate question for Mr. Shavit was how a potentially nuclear-armed Iran could be managed by Israel, which has a nuclear arsenal that is undeclared but widely acknowledged to exist. (Iranian leaders have long insisted their nation's nuclear program is only for energy production and research.)

"So, okay," he told the Jerusalem Post. "We live in a dangerous area in a posture of mutually assured destruction, and we live. We have no choice."

Survivors include his wife and three children.

When the couple were working as a covert team in Iran, their cover was almost compromised in a language slip-up. Mr. Shavit's wife was introduced to a real French Canadian, who wanted to speak French — a language Yael did not know well. She used her husband as an excuse.

"You know how men are," she told a South Florida audience, recounting her reply. "My husband is a proud Iranian and feels uncomfortable when I speak a language he doesn't understand. I swore to him that I would never speak a word of French again."

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BENNY FUQUA

In loving memory of our beloved husband and father, who passed away 30 years ago today, September 21, 1993. No one knows the silent heartache, only those who have loved can tell. The grief we bear in silence for the one we loved so well. **Wife, Dorothy; Daughter, Lachone; Son, Roderick.**

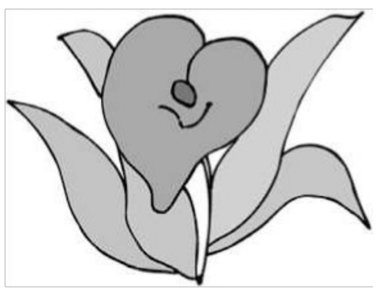
DEATH NOTICE

DAVIS



JUDY DAVIS

On Tuesday, September 12, 2023. The beloved mother of Brian C. Davis. The family will receive friends on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 11 a.m. until the Celebration of Life Service at 12 noon at Encounter Life Church, 2200 Culbera Drive, Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748. Interment at National Harmony Memorial Park. Arrangements entrusted to the Ralph Williams II Funeral Service, P.A. Please sign the family guestbook at
ralphwilliamsfuneralservice.com



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DEATH NOTICE

HARTLEY

JOAN HATTERSLEY HARTLEY

Joan Hattersley Hartley of Vienna, VA, passed away at Reston Hospital Vienna September 13, 2023. Beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and teacher.

She is survived by her sons; Paul, Christopher and his wife Heidi, and David and his wife Pearl; her grandchildren, Christopher, Andrew, Kristina, Jonathan, Benjamin, and Kate. She is also survived by five nieces and nephews, and eight great grandchildren.

There will be a viewing Friday, September 22 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Money and King, 171 Maple Ave., Vienna, VA 220180.

A funeral service will be Saturday, September 23 at 1 p.m. This Service will be on the Churches Facebook for those who cannot make the Service. There will be a reception at the Church following the service, Emmanuel Lutheran, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd., Vienna, VA 22181.

In lieu of flowers you may also consider donating to Emmanuel Lutheran Youth Programs at elcvienna.org/give

Please view and sign the family's guestbook at
www.moneyandking.com

KELLY



MARGUERITE STEHLI KELLY "Maggie" (Age 92)

Passed away peacefully at home on September 5, 2023, exiting as gracefully as she lived after a weekend with her family. Graduate of Foxcroft School and Bryn Mawr College, founder & CEO of women's fashion retailer Maggie's (Wayzata and Minneapolis, MN, Locust Valley, NY and Washington, DC), avid tennis player, scuba diver and family cheerleader. Beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Predeceased by her husband Charles J. (Chuck) Kelly, she is survived by three daughters, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. No services are planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Mission Blue (missionblue.org), or The Army Distaff Foundation (armydistaff.org).

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STUDZINSKI

JAMES ALLAN STUDZINSKI (Age 77)

Of Sterling, VA, died on July 8, 2023. From Elmira, NY, he married Michele New and was married for 51 years. He was father to identical twin girls. The family settled in Sterling, where he spent 42 years. He was an IBM executive and former COO of the National Association of Rehab Facilities. He is survived by his daughter, Kandace (Ben) Gilligan and granddaughter Lola Gilligan. His wife and daughter, Kimberly, preceded him in death. A celebration of life was held August 12, at Elks Lodge #2406.

DEATH NOTICE

WALTERS

JUDITH LEVITT WALTERS

On Tuesday, September 19, 2023, JUDITH LEVITT WALTERS of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of Richard C. Walters. Devoted mother of Rachel (Kevin) Stout and Joshua Walters. Loving grandmother of Zachary and Madelyn Stout. Judith was predeceased by her brother, Marc Levitt. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, 1 p.m. at Judean Memorial Gardens Chapel, Olney, MD. After the interment, Shiva will be observed in the Community Room at The Greens, Bldg. #3, 15115 Interlachen Drive, Silver Spring, MD, with minyan at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom of Columbia, www.beth-shalom.net or to Congregation B'nai Torah, Ormond Beach, FL, www.mybnaitorah.org. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001.

DEATH NOTICE

RECTOR



REID C. RECTOR (Age 99)

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family on September 12, 2023. He is preceded in death by his wife of almost 75 years, Jeanne Rector. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving daughters; Dr. Michelle Rector Hawkins and Dr. Anne Evans (Everette); brother-in-law, Dr. Kermit Mallette; grandchildren, Dr. John R. Hawkins IV (Cindy) Mercedes Hawkins (Douglas), Everette L. Evans, Christopher R, Evans (Shawne); eight great-grandchildren; and a host of other friends and relatives.
Mass of Christiam Burial will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20905. Visitation at 10 a.m.; Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Interment at a later date.
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DEATH NOTICE

ZILUCA



LOUISE LOVEDAY LUEHM ZILUCA (Age 92)

Louise Loveday Luehm Ziluca of Winchester, VA passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Westminster Canterbury Shenandoah Valley, Winchester. Louise and her husband Paul lived there for the last 16 years.
In 1931, Louise was born in McKeesport, PA, a former steel mill town 12 miles SE of Pittsburg. Louise's father, Thomas Tregembo Luehm was a mill clerical worker until the depression when the mill closed. He and his wife, Louise's mother, Hilder Blid, a former RN at the mill, opened a corner grocery store located across the street from a public elementary school. Their apartment was above the store.
Louise, after public high school, ventured faraway to Radcliff College in Massachusetts. She graduated in 1953 as an anthropologist. It was in that year she married Paul Ziluca, a Harvard graduate who became a career United States Air Force officer, serving 28 years, half of them overseas and all with Louise, except one year in Vietnam. During that time, Louise served five years as President of the Washington Radcliff Club and President of the Opera Theater of Northern Virginia. She also traveled the globe extensively, visiting remote southern Russia and China when it first opened to foreigners by President Nixon.
As a child, Louise was a member of the Girl Scouts and later in life took on a leadership role as a scout leader and as a fund raiser in their main office in Virginia. She met her very best friend, Mickey Hedberg, working with the Girl Scouts. The two of them went on many adventures, traveling the world visiting every major opera house.
Upon Paul's retirement, they lived in the Virginia countryside for 27 years with Louise serving as a member of the Virginia Commission of the Arts and a lifelong member of the Upperville Garden Club, winning the Horticulture Tray more times than ever before, by any member.
Louise is preceded in death by her husband Paul who passed away on May 12, 2022.
She is survived by her four children, Loveday and her husband, John of Indio, CA, Joseph and his wife, Sue of New York City, NY, Isobel and her husband Danny of Upperville, VA and Maxwell and his wife, Christine of Ellicott City, MD. There are five granddaughters, Adrienne (Vishal), Rebecca, Josephine (Andrew) and Bianca; three grandsons, Daniel (Abby), Thomas and Jackson and two great-grandchildren, Zoe and Zane.
A memorial service will be held for Louise on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 11 a.m. at The Chapel at Shenandoah Valley Westminster Canterbury.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Louise to the SVWC Foundation for the Arts at svwc.org.
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Another comfortable day

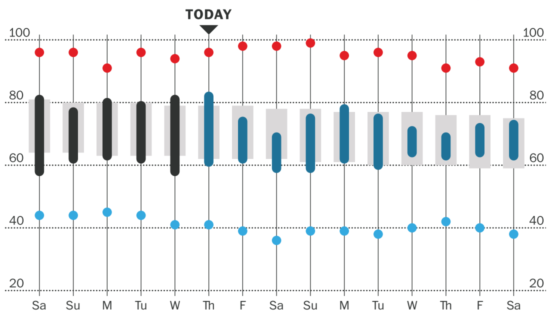


Sunrise might be colorful, given somewhat increased high cloudiness from a storm gathering to the south. Otherwise, we'll go for another nice day as temperatures again rise to within a couple degrees of 80. It should be partly sunny or better throughout the day, and clouds will be mainly high up.

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Tropical rainstorm	Rain	Sunny	High clouds
82° 61°	74° 62°	69° 59°	75° 59°	78° 62°	75° 60°
FEELS*: 84°	FEELS: 73°	FEELS: 64°	FEELS: 75°	FEELS: 82°	FEELS: 74°
CHNCE PRECIP: 0%	P: 15%	P: 95%	P: 30%	P: 15%	P: 20%
WIND: NE 6–12 mph	W: NE 8–16 mph	W: NNE 10–20 mph	W: N 8–16 mph	W: N 4–8 mph	W: ENE 6–12 mph
HUMIDITY: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Moderate

OFFICIAL RECORD

Temperatures

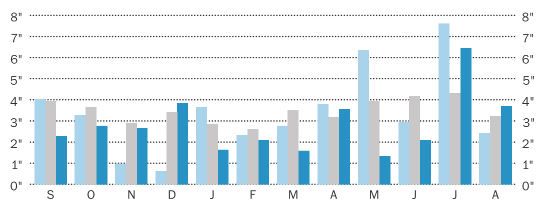


Statistics through 5 p.m. Wednesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**81°** 2:45 p.m.	**80°** 3:23 p.m.	**80°** 1:16 p.m.
Low	**58°** 5:21 a.m.	**49°** 4:30 a.m.	**52°** 4:33 a.m.
Normal	79°/63°	78°/56°	78°/57°
Record high	94° 1895	91° 1965	92° 1983
Record low	41° 1916	40° 1979	42° 2020

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: **+3.0°** yr. to date: **+1.9°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	1.34"	3.61"	3.93"
Normal	2.65"	2.61"	2.93"
Total this year	23.83"	22.83"	28.83"
Normal	30.56"	31.83"	32.71"

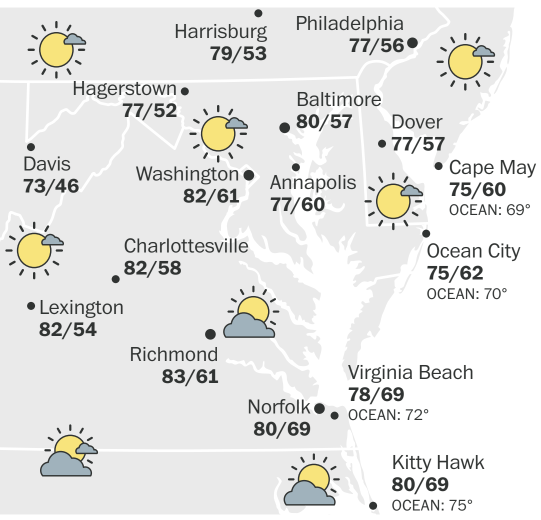
Moon Phases

Sep 22	Sep 29	Oct 6	Oct 14
First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter	New

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:54 a.m.	7:07 p.m.
Moon	1:35 p.m.	10:40 p.m.
Venus	3:41 a.m.	5:02 p.m.
Mars	8:24 a.m.	7:51 p.m.
Jupiter	9:07 p.m.	10:54 a.m.
Saturn	6:05 p.m.	4:50 a.m.

REGION



Pollen: High

Grass	Moderate
Trees	Low
Weeds	Moderate
Mold	High

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Moderate
5 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny; great day to be outside. High 63 to 69. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy; areas of late-night fog. Low 49 to 53. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph. Friday, sunshine, some clouds; areas of morning fog.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny; great day to be outside. High 74 to 80. Winds north-northeast 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 56 to 69. Winds northeast 7-14 mph. Friday, breezy; a little rain, wind, except dry in the north. High 72 to 76.

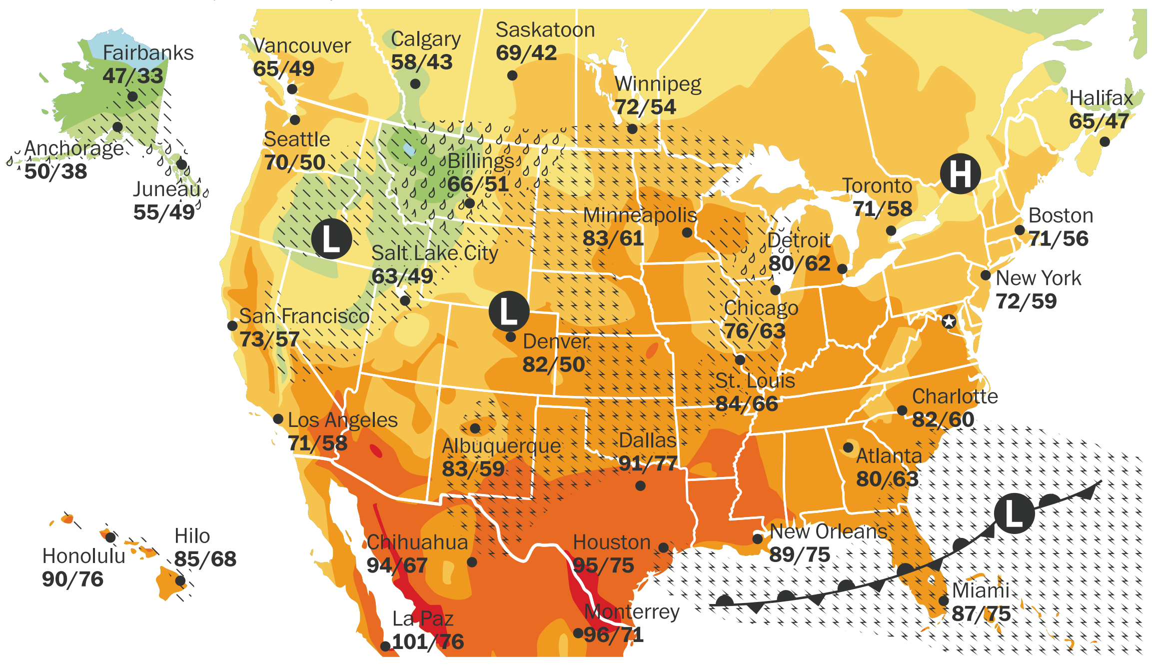
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind northeast 4-8 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility clear to the horizon. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, partly sunny. Wind north 4-8 knots. Waves 0-1 foot on the Lower Potomac; 1-2 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.70 feet today, with no change of 2.70 Friday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	**12:16 a.m.**	7:36 a.m.	**12:46 p.m.**	7:22 p.m.
Annapolis	4:37 a.m.	**9:07 a.m.**	3:55 p.m.	**11:06 p.m.**
Ocean City	6:02 a.m.	**12:29 p.m.**	7:06 p.m.	**none**
Norfolk	**1:51 a.m.**	7:47 a.m.	**2:21 p.m.**	8:58 p.m.
Point Lookout	1:14 a.m.	**5:29 a.m.**	11:23 a.m.	**6:47 p.m.**

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

<-10 -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110+

Yesterday's National
High: Del Rio, TX **103°**
Low: Stanley, ID **23°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Kahnuj, Iran **112°**
Low: Sebyan-Kyuyol, Russia **6°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	72/50/s	74/52/pc
Albuquerque	83/59/pc	84/59/s
Anchorage	50/38/c	50/39/s
Atlanta	80/63/pc	81/63/s
Austin	97/74/pc	98/76/pc
Baltimore	80/57/s	75/62/c
Billings, MT	66/51/sh	63/48/r
Birmingham	85/66/s	85/63/pc
Bismarck, ND	69/58/t	68/57/r
Boise	64/47/sh	68/47/pc
Boston	71/56/s	69/58/s
Buffalo	76/49/s	77/53/s
Burlington, VT	71/49/s	73/54/s
Charleston, SC	82/66/t	79/62/c
Charleston, WV	81/57/pc	80/55/s
Charlotte	82/60/pc	79/59/pc
Cheyenne, WY	76/43/pc	73/42/t
Chicago	76/63/pc	77/63/pc
Cincinnati	83/60/s	83/59/s
Cleveland	79/60/pc	79/56/s
Dallas	91/77/t	96/77/pc
Denver	82/50/pc	81/46/s
Des Moines	78/60/c	78/64/t
Detroit	80/62/pc	78/58/s
El Paso	92/70/pc	96/69/s
Fairbanks, AK	47/33/r	44/33/c
Fargo, ND	82/61/t	83/63/t
Hartford, CT	74/49/s	73/55/pc
Honolulu	90/76/sh	89/76/sh
Houston	95/75/s	94/75/s
Indianapolis	80/61/s	85/59/s
Jackson, MS	95/69/s	87/68/pc
Jacksonville, FL	82/68/t	82/63/t
Kansas City, MO	83/66/pc	80/65/t
Las Vegas	88/63/s	87/68/pc
Little Rock	93/69/s	81/66/t
Los Angeles	71/58/pc	74/62/pc
Louisville	86/63/s	88/62/s
Memphis	90/70/s	85/66/t
Miami	87/75/t	88/74/t
Milwaukee	78/66/c	74/64/sh
Minneapolis	83/61/pc	77/61/t
Nashville	87/62/s	87/63/s
New Orleans	89/75/s	90/74/s
New York City	72/59/s	70/60/pc
Norfolk	80/69/pc	75/68/r
Oklahoma City	83/67/t	89/71/t
Omaha	80/61/c	81/64/t
Orlando	83/72/t	88/70/t
Philadelphia	77/56/s	73/62/pc
Phoenix	99/73/s	95/75/s
Pittsburgh	78/54/pc	77/52/pc
Portland, ME	72/50/s	69/52/pc
Portland, OR	76/53/s	80/56/pc
Providence, RI	72/53/s	71/55/pc
Raleigh, NC	84/62/c	76/61/r
Reno, NV	63/46/sh	73/47/s
Richmond	83/61/c	75/61/c
Sacramento	84/54/pc	82/52/s
St. Louis	84/66/pc	82/65/t
St. Thomas, VI	91/81/t	90/80/t
Salt Lake City	63/49/t	62/47/t
San Diego	73/64/c	74/66/c
San Francisco	73/57/pc	71/57/pc
San Juan, PR	93/80/c	92/80/c
Seattle	70/50/s	74/52/pc
Spokane, WA	64/50/s	60/48/s
Syracuse	73/48/s	75/52/pc
Tampa	87/73/t	89/72/t
Wichita	83/65/t	84/68/t

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	70/54/r	71/55/sh
Amsterdam	65/53/r	62/51/sh
Athens	85/70/pc	86/68/s
Auckland	66/57/c	66/59/r
Baghdad	109/74/s	111/78/s
Bangkok	95/80/t	94/79/t
Beijing	83/61/s	84/59/c
Berlin	83/61/s	69/53/sh
Bogota	72/44/pc	71/47/pc
Brussels	66/53/r	62/49/pc
Buenos Aires	69/58/c	62/55/pc
Cairo	91/74/s	92/72/s
Caracas	80/65/c	81/66/t
Copenhagen	72/62/s	67/56/c
Dakar	90/80/t	89/80/t
Dublin	60/47/sh	56/40/pc
Edinburgh	60/48/pc	58/40/sh
Frankfurt	75/56/sh	68/49/pc
Geneva	74/56/sh	68/53/sh
Ham., Bermuda	81/75/sh	83/76/t
Helsinki	68/57/pc	70/61/s
Ho Chi Minh City	90/77/t	91/78/t
Hong Kong	92/80/s	91/81/c
Islamabad	91/73/t	88/69/t
Istanbul	78/63/s	79/66/s
Jerusalem	84/64/s	87/66/s
Johannesburg	83/53/s	85/60/s
Kabul	85/59/s	84/53/s
Kingston, Jam.	94/81/t	94/82/t
Kolkata	88/80/t	90/80/t
Kyiv	75/56/pc	79/59/s
Lagos	86/77/t	86/76/t
Lima	71/66/pc	71/65/pc
Lisbon	73/59/sh	74/58/pc
London	65/50/sh	63/47/pc
Madrid	66/53/r	71/51/pc
Manila	93/79/t	91/79/t
Mexico City	81/57/pc	83/56/pc
Montreal	71/51/s	74/53/s
Moscow	69/56/c	75/52/pc
Mumbai	89/80/sh	86/79/t
Nairobi	84/60/s	79/59/pc
New Delhi	94/82/t	93/80/t
Oslo	65/57/r	61/50/r
Ottawa	71/46/s	73/49/s
Paris	65/52/r	66/50/sh
Prague	77/58/s	65/51/r
Rio de Janeiro	84/73/s	85/74/s
Riyadh	106/81/pc	108/82/s
Rome	78/67/t	82/64/pc
San Salvador	89/69/t	90/69/t
Santiago	68/48/pc	61/49/c
Sarajevo	75/54/sh	81/56/pc
Seoul	78/58/pc	82/58/s
Shanghai	80/68/c	76/69/r
Singapore	89/77/t	86/78/t
Stockholm	69/58/pc	67/52/r
Sydney	72/56/s	66/53/sh
Taipei City	96/78/t	95/77/s
Tehran	86/68/s	86/68/s
Tokyo	88/79/pc	83/72/t
Toronto	71/58/s	71/54/s
Vienna	80/61/pc	80/58/pc
Warsaw	80/61/s	78/61/sh

Key: s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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Conspiracy theory subject pleads guilty in Jan. 6 case

BY TOM JACKMAN

An Arizona man who continues to be accused in conservative circles of working as a government agent to spark the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot, including in a House hearing with Attorney General Merrick Garland on Wednesday, pleaded guilty later in the day to one count of disorderly conduct on restricted grounds.

Ray Epps, 62, has vigorously denied any links to the government, and Garland said in the House Judiciary Committee hearing that "the FBI has said he was not an employee or informant of the FBI." Prosecutors made a similar statement during Epps's plea hearing. Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) was loudly skeptical.

"Yesterday you indicted him," Massie said, "isn't that a wonderful coincidence? On a misdemeanor. . . . You've got the guy on video who's saying 'Go into the Capitol.' He's directing people to the Capitol before the speech ends. He's at the site of the first breach. You've got all the goods on him, 10 videos, and it's an indictment for a misdemeanor? The American public isn't buying it."

Epps was captured on video on Jan. 5, 2021, urging Trump supporters gathered on Black Lives Matter Plaza to enter the Capitol the next day, which immediately raised suspicions as listeners chanted "Fed! Fed!" On Jan. 6, Epps was recorded at the Peace Circle, where members of the Proud Boys and others overran the police barricade. Epps can be seen on video speaking to defendant Ryan Samsel at the circle, but Epps and Samsel have both said Epps told Samsel not to attack the police. Samsel is seen pushing a fence backward, knocking down a Capitol Police officer and enabling the crowd to surge toward the Capitol.

Epps could not be seen fighting with police, but did run with the mob toward the Capitol. And according to the statement of offense filed Wednesday, Epps joined with the crowd at the next police line on the West Terrace and helped push a 10-foot tall Trump sign toward the officers. Others ultimately pushed it in to the police line. "The sign's size and impact broke and scattered the police line," the statement said. Officers managed to wrest the sign away from the rioters, but it was so heavy it took 15 officers to carry it away, prosecutors said.

Chief U.S. District Judge James E. Boasberg noted Wednesday that the statement of offense also referred to "at least five attempts" by Epps to de-escalate tensions between rioters and police at the front lines. Epps told "60 Minutes" that when he saw the chaos there, he attempted to stop the rioters from attacking police, and some video supported his version. He left the Capitol before 3 p.m. and did not enter the building, video appears to show.

In July, Epps sued Fox News for defamation for repeatedly calling him a government agent. Fox has responded that it was within its rights to raise questions about Epps's role on Jan. 6.

Epps was allowed to appear Wednesday for his plea hearing by video conference from an undisclosed location, and when a pretrial services officer started to discuss where Epps would have to report for supervision, his lawyer Edward J. Ungvarsky jumped in and made sure it wasn't revealed.

"This event is from January 2021," Ungvarsky reminded Boasberg. "Mr. Epps contacted the FBI two days later. Mr. Epps met with the FBI in March. All of the facts were known to the government since then." Ungvarsky said that Epps "had to leave his home, leave his home state, due to harassment by certain people," an apparent reference to threats Epps has said he received for being accused of being a government agent.

The government has not explained why it waited until 32 months after Jan. 6 to charge Epps, and the U.S. attorney's office in Washington declined to comment Wednesday. The statement of offense confirmed that Epps called the FBI on Jan. 8 after seeing his picture on a wanted poster, and provided a full interview on March 3, 2021.

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Gordon asked that a statement be added to the record. "Mr. Epps on Jan. 6," Gordon said, "was not before, during or after a confidential source or undercover agent for the government, the FBI, DHS or any law enforcement."

Epps, who will be allowed to be sentenced remotely, faces a maximum sentence of one year in jail on the misdemeanor. Most defendants sentenced on the charge of disorderly conduct on Jan. 6 have received sentences of 30 to 90 days in jail, with some receiving home detention and some probation. The average misdemeanor sentence for Jan. 6 defendants, for those given jail time, has been about 55 days, according to a Washington Post database.

A standard presentencing condition of release is that a defendant must relinquish their firearms. Epps asked for a side conference with his lawyer, and Ungvarsky then returned to ask that Epps be allowed to keep his guns.

Boasberg said he was aware of Epps's situation, but that he has previously denied those charged with misdemeanors, even those sentenced to probation, the ability to maintain firearms. He told Ungvarsky to file a motion and he would consider it in Epps's situation.

After the hearing, Ungvarsky said that Epps "exhorted other supporters of President Trump to be peaceful on January 6 at the Capitol, and outside he repeatedly acted in support of officers to try to de-escalate actions. He left without entering the building. Defamatory lies have ruined his and his family's life. Today was a step in putting his life back together."

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Style

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‘Abortion tourism’: A phrase that belittles

Monica Hesse

By the time Ron DeSantis used the phrase “abortion tourism” in a televised interview this past weekend, it had already become a favorite little slogan among antiabortion conservatives.

In an interview hosted by the Faith and Freedom Coalition, the Florida governor and presidential candidate was asked a question related to a military policy of funding abortions for active-duty service members who might have to cross state lines to access abortions. “They are breaking, violating the law by funding abortion tourism,” DeSantis replied. “. . . We’re running low on ammunition, our recruiting is in the absolute gutter now, and you’re funding abortion tourism?”

In July, Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) told a news anchor that “the military should not be paying for abortion tourism.” In August, Rep. Randy Weber (R-Tex.) used the phrase when he introduced the Ban Offshore Abortion Tourism Act, to “prohibit abortions in maritime jurisdiction.”

Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.) has used it. Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.) has used it. Focus on the Family uses it; so does the Christian Coalition of America. All of them use it to describe the same broad concept: A patient who needs an abortion travels to a location where they can get an abortion.

When I did a news search to get a sense of how, and by whom, “abortion tourism” was being employed, I found something interesting: The phrase itself isn’t new; its use dates back at least 40 years ago, mostly in European countries, to neutrally describe the act of individuals crossing national borders to end pregnancies. But in the past 15 months, since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the phrase has bloomed in the United States, used almost exclusively by antiabortion Republicans and with obvious intent: to make pregnant people, whom the party has forced into desperate straits

SEE HESSE ON C4

The golden sheen of Talese’s book party

BY ASHLEY FETTERS MALOY

NEW YORK — Somehow, every story about meeting Gay Talese — the famed reporter, New Journalism pioneer and fixture of uptown Manhattan — sounds too good to be true.

Tony Danza, the Brooklyn-born actor best known for “Who’s the Boss?” and “Taxi,” joked that he got invited to the annual Talese family Christmas party once, “and now he can’t get rid of me.” In truth, Danza can’t actually remember how he and Talese met, and neither can Talese. Both men explained their acquaintance simply by waving a hand toward their shared Italian heritage.

Graydon Carter, the former Vanity Fair editor in chief who now co-edits the newsletter Air Mail, said that, 30 years ago, “Gay was the only famous person in the telephone book.”

On Tuesday evening, strange-but-true stories about Talese, now 91, wafted cheerily around the ivy-covered back patio of the West Village’s Waverly Inn restaurant. Some 150 guests gathered for a

SEE TALESE ON C3

Katie Porter and the politics of real life



MICHAEL ROBINSON CHÁVEZ/THE WASHINGTON POST

Rep. Katie Porter (D-Calif.), pictured in March, is one of the candidates vying for Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s long-held seat.

The California Democrat, famous for her viral confrontations, is admired by fans and resented by some ex-employees. Now she’s running for Senate.

BY DAN ZAK

I had been granted an hour with the congresswoman, which felt generous, but she was about 15 minutes late, which was understandable. The House is an insane place to work, running for Senate is an insane thing to do, and having three underage kids, and about 755,000 constituent bosses, and 19 hours of commuting every week between Washington and Orange County, Calif. — well, time is scarce for Rep. Katie Porter. When the California Democrat arrived earlier this year for our meeting at a coffee shop near her basement apartment on Capitol Hill, she enthused about the shamrock hue of her outfit, which jibed with the unusually green lapel pin of the 118th Congress. She herself hasn’t been a great match for the House of Representatives, which she describes in her book, published in the spring, with startling honesty.

“Being a single mom of young kids in Congress was not possible,” she writes of her first year in office. The job was “just too hard.”

The day before the 2019 in-person deadline to file for her first reelection campaign, Porter was here in Washington, far from the Orange County Registrar of Voters, and “so tired I couldn’t see straight.” She was resigned to failure, to being a one-term congresswoman, because she couldn’t get her act together to run again. She was “seething” that the Founding Fathers had wives and servants “to do their bidding while they endlessly debated in Washington, without worry about their children getting to bed on time.”

But 3½ years later — near the beginning of her third term, a campaign for Senate and a book tour — Porter was a vision of energy and focus. The growing pains had been tough, but now she was ready to reach higher, for the upper chamber.

“With Senator Feinstein ending her service, with Nancy [Pelosi] not being speaker” and “with Gavin [Newsom] on a different path, shall we say, there are big shoes to fill in California, politically,” said Porter, 49, shaking a Splenda into her coffee. “And if we don’t have a scrappy, strategic, strong messenger in that role, we will not be able to win in every part and pocket of California.”

SEE PORTER ON C2

Some early predictions for Oscars accolades

BY JADA YUAN

Imagine David, Goliath and 50 of their friends in a street brawl and you’ll get close to approximating what the past two weeks have been like in the film world, with pretty much every remaining Oscar contender premiering across the Venice, Telluride and Toronto film festivals (with the New York Film Festival coming at the end of the month). The smackdowns were somewhat muted, though, in festivals nearly entirely devoid of movie stars, who are holding the line in the historic dual strike of the writers and screen actors guilds. (Jessica Chastain, who had an interim agreement with SAG, used her red carpet time to talk about — the strike.)

None of this, though, has stopped tenacious Oscars prognosticators from gaming the race. As our film critic Ann Hornaday writes, this was the rare year in which movies could eloquently speak for themselves.

Right now, the Oscars are set for March 10, 2024. Who knows? The Emmys got pushed back four months because of the strikes. Some big-time Academy Award contenders are already on the board and didn’t need to show at the fall fests: Christopher Nolan’s “Oppenheimer,” Greta Gerwig’s “Barbie,” Celine Song’s “Past Lives” and Martin Scorsese’s “Killers of the Flower Moon” (which hits theaters Oct. 20, but had a splashy premiere at Cannes). Other major Oscars-y movies won’t bow till later in the year: Joaquin Phoenix’s “Napoleon,” “The Color Purple” with Fantasia Barrino, and the George-Clooney-directed “The Boys in the Boat.”

Still, the stage for the showdowns has nearly been set, the major players revealed. Here’s my wildly subjective take on who’s popping, or should be, in the fall film fest deluge:

Surprise entry in the best picture race: Ava DuVernay’s “Origin” (acquired by Neon at Venice, no release date yet)

Perhaps the most divisive of the major films to bow in the fests, DuVernay’s narrative interpretation of Isabel Wilkerson’s “Caste” is so tricky to describe that it wasn’t on anyone’s awards radars. How do you adapt an unadaptable book? DuVernay’s solution: Turn the author into the protagonist (Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor, a powerhouse) and take us through her creative process as she uses a period of profound grief to fuel her incredible thesis that connects the killing of Trayvon Martin with the persecution of the

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Rep. Katie Porter, seen with her daughter in 2022, has documented her struggles being a single mom in Congress.

The intersection of living and legislating

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Power is what Porter wanted when she ran for office — the power to confront cheating corporations, to make the government responsive to the people. A "durable majority" of Democrats in Congress is what Porter wants now. She's fed up with the party's struggle to keep its head above water. "We're going backwards in terms of the number of Democratic women" in the Senate, she told me. "To me, equality is not electing Joni Ernst," the Republican senator from Iowa. "Like, that's not helping."

Porter thinks her presence in Congress — and her way of being a congresswoman — *is* helping. "I know how to win in tough areas," she said, a nod to how she flipped a district that previously favored a Republican by 17 points. "And it's not by talking about Democrats and Republicans. It's by talking about, 'This is the thing that's making my life hard.'"

For a while, this job made Porter's life hard. And, in turn, Porter made difficult the lives of people in her orbit, according to murmurs that began in December, when Sasha Georgiades, a former military fellow in her Irvine office, alleged mistreatment of staff. That inspired self-described ex-staffers to send their own complaints about Porter to the "Dear White Staffers" Instagram account, a clearinghouse for anonymous, unverified harangues about congressional bosses.

On "Pod Save America" on Jan. 12, co-host Jon Favreau asked her about it: Is she as tough on her staff as she has been on Wall Street CEOs, the villains of her lauded oversight work in Congress?

"Well, I'm really proud of my staff," Porter answered, bringing up the ex-fellow: "I regret if this employee feels disgruntled. … I'm willing to expect people to work hard. … I'm a teacher, so if I see a staffer making a mistake — or maybe we can do it better — let's work on it."

On April 17, Porter was asked on "The View" about the notion that she oversees a "toxic workplace." And, in Porter fashion, she trimmed a thorny subject into a clear message for an audience of millions.

"I saw this as a professor, certainly: Female professors, particularly women of color, get much worse teaching evaluations, … even when all the professional evaluations are the same," Porter said on air. "And so we see this again and again: Lots of [these] so-called 'bad bosses' are women and, disproportionately, people of color. I think it's really unfortunate, because those are the very voices we need more of in our government. So I'm proud of my staff. I'm proud of the relationship we've built. I'm proud to have them as my team moving forward."

It was a deft answer. And it prompts more questions: Why is Porter trailed by this cloud of insinuation — and should it matter at all? How can leadership be properly judged in a world built with double standards, and wired with infinite triggers and sensitivities? What is the price of surviving and thriving in politics?

No question: The Hill is a harsh place to work and to lead. No one knows this better than Katie Porter.

When Porter first ran, in a bitter Democratic primary in 2018, the state party backed another candidate. No House Democrats in the California congressional delegation endorsed her. Porter won the nomination anyway and blazed into Congress as an outsider — and, by some accounts, remained one. Porter's book is littered with jabs at colleagues, both Democratic and Republican.

"The author seldom misses an opportunity to take a swipe at someone—her staffers and House colleagues get especially rough treatment," noted Kirkus Reviews. In the course of the book, Porter mocks Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) three times, for example. (Though who could blame her.) She ribs fellow Democrat Abigail Spanberger (Va.) for being able to do only one push-up during a contest at the House gym, and refers to Sen. Thomas R. Carper (D-Del.) as the answer to the eternal Hill question, "Who is that old guy?" Porter praises her staff while also referring to their "raised-by-wolves" behavior. Her depiction of life in Congress is both tongue-in-cheek and knives-out.

Her sniping extends beyond the written page. On the podcast "Lovett or Leave It" in May, Porter referred to House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) as "queen of the dips---s." The live audience erupted in joyous applause. (The cheeky title of her book is "I Swear.")

Porter eschews decorum and pageantry when they don't make sense to her. She "is incredibly smart and works her staff hard on issues that matter to the middle class," said a former senior House staffer from California, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to speak candidly. "She comes from a place of thoughtfulness. Plenty of members work their staff to the bone over a park-naming, and that's not Katie."

While seated for the marathon voting for House speaker earlier this year, Porter made sure the online masses could see her reading material: "The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck." She has created such viral moments since her first days in Congress, when during hearings she used a whiteboard, math and common sense to rattle barons of finance and break through to the public.

"Watch a Congresswoman destroy Equifax CEO Mark Begor," said part of a Fast Company headline, mere weeks after her first swearing-in.

"Coupon-cutting congresswoman stumps big bank CEO," declared MSNBC when Porter grilled a witness on his employees' pay.

The head of Wells Fargo resigned two weeks after Porter and other Democrats flayed the bank's business practices during a 2019 hearing.

"How many lives did Katie Porter save today using a whiteboard, a bulls--- detector, and an ability to retain focus?" tweeted television producer Hart Hanson in March 2020, after Porter wielded her oversight power to extract a public pledge from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director that coronavirus testing would be free for all Americans.

Some of the American public, starved for catharsis and accountability, has been riveted by these performances. For years now — at committee hearings, during cable-news spots, on Instagram Live — Porter has distilled complex policy into razor-sharp messaging.

"Some would say she's probably a little further left than Orange County, though Orange County has been moving left," says political strategist Stephanie Schriock, who advised Porter on her 2018 run. "But she makes her arguments so well, in such a truly intentional manner, that she's pretty good at bringing people with her."

Many Americans see Porter as an avatar or role model: an Iowa farm girl who went to Harvard, survived a difficult marriage and set her sights on Congress, all while teaching and breadwinning and shuttling her kids — now 11, 15 and 17 — in a minivan with plates that say "OVRSITE." Her 2022 House campaign was buoyed by small donations (each less than $200) that added up to nearly $14.3 million, five times the average total haul for House members that cycle, according to OpenSecrets. Porter has styled herself as a "real person," and many "real people" — those who can only spare so much cash for a favorite politician — love her.

The most cutting observation in Porter's book, though, is on the subject of realness.

"Being a real person and having a real life," Porter writes, "is in fundamental conflict with American politics."

This line comes as she recounts a major regret: going public about the details of her failed marriage, in a strategy to prevent opponents from using that messy part of her life against her.

In 2013, her then-husband was arrested and jailed for (but never charged with) domestic battery after, as Porter later wrote in her book, he punched a wall next to where she was standing. (I tried to reach him via two publicly available phone numbers, with no success.) During the 2018 Democratic primary, Porter detected a whisper campaign that the troubling behavior had gone both ways — because after she filed for a restraining order against him, he responded by requesting his own against her. She tried to stamp out the insinuations by sharing court and police records with HuffPost. (HuffPost also couldn't reach the ex-husband.)

"I protected my family" and "ended a marriage that was troubled," Porter said then, adding: "I think it's important that people understand that when real people run [for office], they run with their real lives, and those lives might often include painful times."

Two days after "I Swear" was published, this April, Fox News Digital resurfaced those court records, which included allegations of mistreatment that Porter's ex-husband made against her, and tied them to the toxic-workplace chatter. A spokesperson for Porter told Fox that her account of the saga "was supported by police accounts, a doctor's recommendation after a child custody evaluation, her sole request for a move-out order and property control, and ultimately a judge's decision granting her majority physical custody" of their three children.

Last year, Fox published text messages from Porter to the mayor of Irvine regarding the 2021 arrest of Porter's boyfriend for striking a disruptive Donald Trump supporter during a scuffle at one of her district events. The congresswoman reacted to the incident in a way that, according to some former staffers, exemplifies her temper. "Your police force is a disgrace," Porter texted the Irvine mayor, according to messages. (A Porter spokesman told Fox that the congresswoman "was upset that a planned family-friendly town hall was hijacked by extremists" and that, despite advance warning, police officers "were hundreds of feet away and did not intervene immediately when fighting broke out.")

What to make of all this? I thought back to something Porter told me over coffee. In response to questions about friendly fire from Democrats, and murmurs about her reputation as a boss, she referred to "doubters" and "haters" as being a natural part of public life.

"It's like a competition," she told me, "between how loud you let those voices get in your head, whether they're online, whether they're little whisper campaigns … versus sort of staying focused on the really consistent, *generally* consistent positive feedback from everyday people who stop me, who are like: 'I know you. You're great. This is what I want to see. Keep it up.'"

The day after our coffee chat, when I would've started writing, I got a text message from a former member of Porter's team who had heard that I was working on an article. I had reached out to this person separately, via email, almost simultaneously, to determine whether the "bad boss" stuff amounted to petty grievances or ingrained sexism — the sad sorcery of doubters and haters — or whether it was actually worth exploring.

Here we get into tricky territory. My chat with the ex-staffer was revealing, and it prompted me to reach out to others. Four people — each formerly in Porter's employ or orbit — told me about upsetting experiences working for her that spanned her first 3½ years in Congress; three additional former staffers told similar stories to one of my Washington Post colleagues. But to define the credibility of these seven sources, or to specify their allegations of "bad boss"-ness, is to give away their identities, which they do not want. Nobody wants to go public in ways they might regret.

"You're not the first reporter I've talked to about Katie," said one of Porter's former campaign associates. "We all work in this industry, and nobody wants to ruin their career, and that's the tough part. A lot of things were said to me and done to me, and it would be obvious they were done to me."

"I personally like her a lot, and I personally would *never* work for her," said the former senior House staffer from California, adding: "I love what she brings to the table, nationally. I'm really worried about what she brings to the table for the state." Meaning that, for a senator to succeed, especially in representing a behemoth like California, her office needs stability and collegiality, this former staffer said. This has largely been the case for Sen. Dianne Feinstein's some 30-year operation; this has not always been the case for Porter's House office, according to interviews with former Porter staffers.

I tried to corroborate allegations that could not be fully corroborated, at least on the record, so I had broader, deeper conversations with a variety of people about what separates a demanding boss from a domineering one. About how female leaders are unfairly expected to have a baseline of maternal warmth. About why the pressures of working in Congress can hobble a human at any level of authority. I thought about the subtitle of Porter's book, "Politics Is Messier Than My Minivan," which encapsulates the tension between the pressures of a high-powered job in public service and the demands of a divorced working mom's home life.

The idea that Porter was initially overwhelmed by her duties is corroborated by the congresswoman herself, in her book. "I was doomed on day one," Porter writes, adding: "I failed to wake up to get my kids off to school on time, and I left them unsupervised for the evening when I fell asleep at 6:00 p.m., badly jet-lagged." Of her first year in office, she writes: "I felt like a toddler, powerless against forces that were stronger than me, and out of solutions except rage."

"I heard that last week was a cry-heavy week for everyone," wrote one staffer to colleagues during Porter's second month in office, according to an email shared with me.

Porter realized early on that Congress was not set up to accommodate her reality as a single mother trying to do the job. "I tried talking to House leadership and my congressional colleagues," she writes. "The majority leader explained that they could not run Congress around my unique needs. Repeatedly, I heard that I had a 'special situation.' I came back with statistics about the 13.6 million other single parents in America." (The office of then-Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer [D-Md.] does not comment on private conversations between members.)

On the day in 2019 that she admitted to a small group of female politicos that she hadn't filed for reelection, Porter was in tears. "Listen to me," Porter had told them, according to her book. "I'm beyond exhausted, my kids are suffering and angry, Congress is frustrating and broken, and I don't fit in here."

But then, slowly, Porter stopped worrying about fitting in perfectly. Or, as she told me over coffee: "I'm done reaching for something that isn't me." The way she described herself then ("scrappy, strategic, strong") and the way she billed herself in her Senate campaign announcement ("a warrior") — it's a brand that can inspire from afar and agitate at closer range, especially if you're a woman.

"People ask: 'What's Amy Klobuchar like? What's Pramila Jayapal like?' I have never been asked about this for a man," says Ashley Woolheater, a former senior staffer for Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), who was Porter's professor and mentor at Harvard Law School. "And I know a bunch of [Porter's] staff; I've seen her interact with staff, and I've interacted with her before. And nothing's ever raised any red flags for me. She is totally gracious."

Woolheater continues: "Look: Are these difficult jobs? Can I imagine doing them while raising children and flying back and forth to California? Yeah, I can imagine some stressful moments. I don't necessarily think it's fair the way that we tend to gossip and chatter more about women bosses in those stressful moments than we do about male bosses in those stressful moments."

An eighth former staffer — who also spoke on the condition of anonymity to speak candidly in Porter's defense — pushed back on the criticisms from my other sources, and described Porter as a "relentless" hard worker who "does not sleep" and who possesses a "strong sense of how to get s--- done." Porter's first year in office "was chaotic," this ex-staffer said, and it was not Porter's fault alone: "There was a constant barrage of unforced errors that she had to deal with then because she had a young staff who were setting up a brand-new office while Katie was flying across the country every Friday and Monday. There's no blueprint for being a single mom in Congress." That kind of situation would be "frustrating for anyone," said the ex-staffer, who believes that Porter later "really did try to be more sensitive to the stress on staff."

Porter rebuilt her office at the end of her first year, she told me in the spring, to make it "less fearful, less anxious." She won reelection once, then twice.

"She really struggled early on," says Schriock, the strategist. "It was *hard*. She was in a group of members — most of them parents — that I worried about whether they would make it another cycle. … She grew a lot in those years, in the House. And she's just really found her footing."

A current staffer in Porter's Irvine office — who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly — affirmed that the congresswoman struggled with a steep learning curve in her first term, but has since "improved significantly" as a boss.

None of the people who shared criticisms with me currently work for Porter. All of them, regardless of their allegations, value her priorities and skills, which they believe are good for the Democratic Party.

A former staffer who thinks Porter's behavior as a boss makes her "wildly unfit" to be a senator nevertheless told me: "She's one of the most brilliant people I've ever met."

Months after our coffee chat, after I'd had numerous conversations *about* Katie Porter, I looped back with a representative for Porter. What did the congresswoman make of all this?

"It's no secret that I hold myself, staff, and Congress to a high standard," Porter said in a written statement to me. "I am not shy about calling out when something isn't meeting my expectations. I believe in accountability on behalf of my constituents, but it has never been my intention to be overzealous or to make anyone feel undervalued in their work. As I've served in Congress, I have sought to be more intentional at demonstrating my gratitude to my staff for the important work they do in service to our country. They work incredibly hard, and I am so proud of what we have accomplished together."

The congresswoman, despite the messiness of her proverbial minivan, has always had a clear agenda. Her special skill is venturing into the weeds of monetary policy and emerging with clear, teachable talking points,

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Reps. Adam B. Schiff and Barbara Lee are in the race with Porter. Porter, Lee and Schiff were the only ones who reached double-digit support in a June poll from the Public Policy Institute of California.

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says Mehrsa Baradaran, an expert in banking law at the University of California at Irvine's School of Law, where Porter used to teach.

"My uncle lives in north Iran," Baradaran says by way of example. "He's a regular Iranian guy. He's never studied here. He's a smart guy, but barely speaks any English. But he had followed Katie Porter's hearings from Iran, and he was talking about it at the dinner table. It had traveled all the way there, and he was very impressed. It had nothing to do with foreign policy or Iran. He was just listening because it was interesting. He really found her compelling."

A purple district has awarded Porter three victories. A national audience has showered her with steady praise and tens of millions of dollars over her political career. Among House candidates in the 2022 cycle, Porter was second only to McCarthy in fundraising, a feat she accomplished without money from corporate PACs or lobbyists, according to OpenSecrets. Her drive to win runs down the ballot, to races she could easily ignore, where her advocacy amounted to party-building, not showboating.

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a political strategist

"She not only endorsed me but she came out to one of my kickoff events," says Stephanie Wade, a Porter constituent who ran for city council in Seal Beach, Calif., this year. "I don't think it bought her much. But it did a lot for me."

In the last session of Congress, Porter sponsored 54 bills, more than twice the median for members, according to OpenSecrets. Last year, some of her proposed legislation — on raising royalties on fossil fuel companies, on reclaiming taxpayer dollars from pharmaceutical companies that raised drug prices faster than the inflation rate — found a home in the Inflation Reduction Act.

The stressors — and perhaps the doubters and haters — will keep coming for Porter. Fellow California Reps. Barbara Lee and Adam B. Schiff, both Democrats, are also running for the Senate seat. Lee has been endorsed by Jayapal, the chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, which Porter also belongs to, as well as the mayors of San Francisco, Los Angeles and Porter's own city of Irvine. Schiff has so far been endorsed by 22 of the 40 Democrats in the state congressional delegation (to Porter's zero, for now). Schiff's campaign raised more than twice as much money as Porter did in the second quarter of this year. Porter, Lee and Schiff were the only candidates who reached double-digit support in a June poll from the Public Policy Institute of California, with Porter and Schiff separated by a statistically insignificant three percentage points.



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Porter, seen in 2018, is known for venturing into the weeds of monetary policy and emerging with teachable talking points.

The primary is in March. The top two vote-getters on the all-party ballot will advance to the general in November 2024. Schiff and Porter are the good bets right now — Los Angeles Magazine likened that epic matchup to "King Kong vs. Godzilla" — but the campaign hasn't heated up yet.

In the meantime, Porter has been focused on what's making people's lives hard. In an oversight hearing last week on the year-old Inflation Reduction Act, Porter spoke about a resident of her district with "real person" problems: They haven't had air conditioning all summer, but they also need to fix a 20-year-old dishwasher and a stove with only one working burner.

"How can the Inflation Reduction Act help this Californian afford a heat pump and lower their bills without breaking the bank?" Porter asked a witness, who then described the legislation's tax credits for energy-efficient home upgrades.

"Treasury is working on guidance — " the witness began.

"Oh stop. Stop there, Mr. Higgins," Porter said, holding up a finger. "This Californian is hot *today*. Can they go. Get a heat pump. Using this credit. *Today?*"

The answer, as Porter knew, was no. Not yet. Maybe in a year. Government was moving slow, as usual, and Porter was impatient. There were real people out there with real problems. Including her.

"You might be interested to know," she said, "that 'this Californian' is me."

Camila DeChalus contributed to this report.

A classic book party invites a contemporary question

TALESE FROM **C1**

party thrown by Carter (who also owns the restaurant) and Air Mail to celebrate the release of Talese's "Bartleby & Me: Reflections of an Old Scrivener." The author greeted guests in his signature fedora with a navy Italian suit and a red-striped shirt, yellow tie and crimson pocket square. (The same colorful ensemble in which he's pictured on the back of the new book.) As his wife, 89-year-old Nan Talese — the legendary book editor he married in 1959 — sat nearby, the evening became both a testament to Talese's esteemed place in New York society and, as one guest put it, "a good old-fashioned book party."

The book, a collection of memories from his reporting career, takes its title from the Herman Melville story "Bartleby, the Scrivener," in which a dutiful and taciturn 19th-century document copier stages an unexplained one-man revolt that deeply perturbs his employer. It's a nod to Talese's own idiosyncratic philosophies; he describes, for example, his aversion to celebrity profiles and his predilection for instead spotlighting those whose contributions might otherwise be lost to history.

Part impressionistic autobiography, part generous instruction manual for reporters on how to do the job with pluck and fortitude, "Bartleby" offers behind-the-scenes glimpses at the work environments that made Talese a household name, such as the 1950s New York Times office and the 1960s Los Angeles of "Frank Sinatra Has a Cold." (An Esquire assignment that Talese only accepted, he reveals, in exchange for also getting to profile several New York Times staffers.) It also accounts for some of the controversies and regrets of Talese's career — including, briefly, a disagreement when The Washington Post found ethical and factual problems with his 2016 book, "The Voyeur's Motel." "Talese's conversational style — openhanded, easygoing, characterized by fact-rich yet perfectly balanced sentences — invites the reader to sit back and relax," The Post's book columnist Michael Dirda wrote recently of "Bartleby."



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Gay Talese, a famed reporter and New Journalism pioneer, attends Tuesday's party for his new book at the Waverly Inn in New York. "Bartleby & Me: Reflections of an Old Scrivener" is a collection of memories from his career. Actor Tony Danza, second from right, chats with other attendees.





Of course, while Talese's journalistic interests might be with the anonymous masses, his personal Rolodex boasts bigger names. Other guests at the party included the author and screenwriter Nicholas Pileggi, a first cousin of Talese's; Lynn Nesbit, the powerhouse book agent who still represents Talese; actor Joel Grey; actress Sandra Bernhard; musician and author Judy Collins (who befriended the Taleses when Nan became her book editor at Houghton Mifflin); New Yorker editor in chief David Remnick; New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd; and Louis Nelson, Collins's husband and the industrial designer best known for creating the Mural Wall for the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington.

The abstract artist Frank Stella was also on hand; as Talese explained, the two became fast friends some 60 years ago playing tennis. Until Talese saw Stella's studio on Spring Street for the first time, "I thought he was a house painter," Talese said with a laugh. "He would come from his job and have paint all over his pants, in the middle of the afternoon!"

In an interview ahead of the party, Talese deadpanned that he had written "Bartleby" in an effort to offset some of his exorbitant dining expenses. "As a people observer, I've always found restaurants to be a form of escape entertainment," he said. "And I'm a good tipper." (His daughters, painter Pamela and photographer Catherine, laugh later in the evening in resigned confirmation; Pamela remembers that a boyfriend of hers would call his palm-greasing, regular-table-securing trick the "Magic Twenty.") Talese can be spotted frequently at spots such as Donohue's Steak House and the French bistro Sel et Poivre. Sometimes, though, he stays within just a few blocks of his home on East 61st so he can bring Nan — who he affectionately acknowledges is "not Ginger Rogers anymore" — along in a wheelchair.

The pair still live in the home they bought after the success of Talese's 1969 book, "The Kingdom and the Power," along with their Australian terrier (Nan's favorite breed). The dog's name is Gilot, like the French painter and one-time Picasso flame Françoise Gaime Gilot. Or, maybe it isn't: "I might be wrong. One of the dogs was Gilot," Talese said. "I forget. They're all tobacco-colored, look-alike dogs. We've had about 20."

As the patio filled to overflowing and attendees began to find themselves squished into corners and bumping into one another in foot-traffic jams, some could be overheard remarking that book parties, once a vital part of the literary social scene, simply don't happen that often anymore. Back when publishing houses were flush with cash, Talese remembered, one of his book parties involved hundreds of guests at the Pierre hotel in Midtown. "We lucky authors, we almost took it for granted," he said.

Carter, however, remains committed to the tradition's survival. "We never gave it up," he said. At Vanity Fair, and now similarly at Air Mail, "it's part of our DNA."

Catherine Talese, who grew up around Manhattan book parties thanks to her publishing-royalty parents, is similarly bullish. "We need more mixers where people are talking about books in person. Online is dead," she says. "Get rid of your Instagram account. Come out and meet people in person."

BOOK WORLD

British comedian London Hughes on her journey from nerd to Netflix star

BY ALEXIS P. WILLIAMS

London Dionne Micha Stacey Stephanie Estina Knibbs-Hughes knew her name was a joke. In her 2020 Netflix stand-up special, "To Catch a D*ck," the boisterous British comedian hits voguing poses that not only punctuate each part of her uniquely long moniker but also ensure the audience will never forget it.

Then she does it again for good measure.

In her new memoir, "Living My Best Life, Hun: Following Your Dreams Is No Joke," the 34-year-old actress from South London shares how her delusional childhood confidence led to her lifelong quest for fame, heartbreaking run-ins with haters who tried and failed to dim her light, and scandalous sexual exploits.

The former TV host spent most of her life trying to get people to like her. When bullies at her all-girls school were too busy vibing to Sean Paul songs to give her the time of day, she practiced dance hall moves to impress them. Hughes would go on to hone her humorous gift for a decade to break into Britain's White, male-dominated comedy scene. Years of being told she wasn't funny enough led her to Los Angeles, and ultimately to her new book. Hughes said the story she tells in it is "part memoir, part self-help, part Beyoncé in book form."

Hughes spoke with The Washington Post about learning how to laugh at herself, finding Black female representation in comedy and what's next.

The following interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: Why did you dedicate your book to your 14-year-old self?

A: Because she was right! In her mind, she was the best thing since sliced bread. She's really confident, really talented and one day she's going to be a successful star in America. That's who she thought she would be on the inside. On the outside, she was really sporty, had mild eczema, extreme acne, asthma. She didn't find herself attractive, wasn't popular, was a massive nerd, used to write "Frasier" fan fiction for fun. I dedicated this book to her because she was right. She was right to believe in herself all along. She was right not to let the world affect her judgment of herself. She's a hero. I love her.

Q: Your book mentions how difficult it was for you to find Black female comedians on TV in Britain. Talk to me about the two women who stood out to you: Gina Yashere and Whoopi Goldberg.



CARLA GULER

A: When I saw Gina Yashere — she was on this BBC comedy show — I was like, "Oh my God, there's a Black woman on TV being funny, and she's not American!" Because she exists, there's space for me. If I hadn't seen her on that show, I don't know who I'd be right now, because she really lit the fire in me that this is something that was achievable. I didn't have to go to America to do it. Whereas Whoopi Goldberg just made me want to be a household name. She made me want to be a legend. She kind of transcended race. Her films weren't called "Black films." "Sister Act 2" is a *Black* film. It's 80 percent Black people in that film, and it is not considered a "Black film." I think she was one of the first female Black stars to really do that. Watching her films as a young Black girl in Britain, I was just in awe of her. I wanted to be everything that she was.

Q: Well, "if you want to be somebody, if you want to go somewhere …"

A: "You better wake up and pay attention!" So that's what I did!

Q: You wanted to see Black women on-screen, but in real life, your bullies in school were Black girls. How did that affect you?

A: It still affects me to this day. As a Black girl, I found myself seeking the validation of Black girls more than the other races, because you want to be loved by your own people. But they were the people that hurt me the most when they cut me, because they would cut me deep. Being bullied by Black girls in school went on into my adult life. When I was doing stand-up, I was on the Black comedy circuit in Britain, I would step out onstage and the Black women would turn their backs or leave or just boo me.

Q: Were you trying to make a statement by leaving Britain?

A: I remember watching all my White, male, British comic friends go on to be famous in Britain, and I wasn't. I knew I deserved the attention and celebration and the opportunities that they had. It's because I'm a Black woman that I'm not getting them. Everyone told me I was overreacting. I got told that I just didn't have what it takes. So I was like: "I'll show you. I'll go to *America*, a country that many a British comedian has tried and failed to crack. I will go there, and I bet you I will be successful. And when it happens, you're all going to have to apologize to me."



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My story is not unique. I watched it happen with people like Nathalie Emmanuel, John Boyega, Daniel Kaluuya, Damson Idris. These are all Black British people that get more love in America than they ever did in Britain. Britain has a very big problem with supporting and uplifting its Black British talent.

Q: What's next for you?

A: My thing is to be the funny Black British girl in American entertainment. While there's loads of Black female actors that do American accents and star in American films, you never see an authentic Black British character who is female in films. Rebel Wilson can be Australian in everything, and nobody seems to mind. I'm trying to do the same for Black British culture. Me and Kevin Hart are working together. He's executive-producing my next TV series, which I can't talk about because of the strikes. But he's trying to take over the world, and I'm right behind him. We want to bridge the gap between African Americans and Black British culture. Movies, TV shows, a production company, another book probably, another special or seven: The sky's the limit. London Hughes is here to stay.

MONICA HESSE

'Abortion tourism': A dismissive phrase for punching down at desperate people

HESSE FROM **C1**

by pushing draconian state laws, seem like harlots on holiday.

Are pregnant people who live in abortion-restrictive places traveling across state lines to access abortion? Yeah, almost definitely. The Guttmacher Institute, which tracks abortion data, this year has seen "major increases" in abortions in states that border other states where the procedure is banned — an 89 percent increase in Colorado, for example, and a 69 percent increase in Illinois.

Are pregnant people crossing state lines to take in a Broadway show, finally eat at Momofuku and grab a relaxing abortion before ice skating at Rockefeller Center? *Please.*

"Abortion tourism" is a dismissive, frivolous phrase that implies abortion is a dismissive, frivolous thing — something that bored pregnant people do when they've suddenly run out of "Abbott Elementary" episodes. "Abortion tourism" implies that reproductive care is a luxury, not a necessity, and that pregnant people — such as the active-duty soldiers who have no say in whether they're stationed in Idaho, where abortion is illegal in nearly every circumstance, or in Oregon — are embarking on the equivalent of a Carnival cruise if they get in their cars, drive 400 miles, put their feet in some cold stirrups, swallow a few Tylenol, then drive home with a maxi pad wedged in their pants.

We're deep in a battle of terminology. Not only in the obvious way of "fetus" vs. "unborn child" or "intact dilation and extraction" vs. "partial birth," but in the more innocuous-sounding terminology that needs to be unpacked to fully grasp how insidious it actually is.

I cannot count the number of times I've heard antiabortion activists decry the concept of "abortion on demand," a phrase clearly meant to imply that people seeking abortions are treating medical clinics like the customer service line of Comcast. That they are impatient, impulsive and self-centered. That they want what they want, and what they want is three free months of HBO and unlimited mifepristone.

"Abortion tourism" implies that reproductive care is a luxury, and that pregnant people are embarking on the equivalent of a Carnival cruise.

What is the protocol that these activists would prefer? Abortion upon polite request? Upon begging? Abortion upon getting permission from your husband, your father, your priest and a slim majority of your state's legislative body? (Nevermind; I have answered my own question.)

And, of course, there is the newest turn of phrase I've seen cropping up in recent weeks: "abortion trafficking," which implies that pregnant people are being kidnapped and thrown into vans, dragged unwillingly to unwanted abortion appointments. What does it actually describe? Friends or romantic partners giving pregnant people lifts to the abortion appointments that conservatives have now made sure are, in some cases, hundreds of miles away.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has an entire guide related to insidious abortion terminology. It is almost entirely composed of the terms that antiabortion activists use to make abortions sound scarier than they are, and to make the people seeking them sound less trustworthy. "Elective abortion" is a poor phrase; the guide says: "The motivation behind the decision to get an abortion should not be judged as 'elective' or 'not elective' by an external party." The phrase "chemical abortion" is "a biased term designed to make medication abortion sound scarier than the safe, effective medical intervention it is," the ACOG list says. The phrase "late-term abortion" has no "medical significance."

The significance is in the ear of the beholder. The significance is in the politicians and activists hoping that the right word choice can persuade millions of voters that people — mostly women — are so irresponsible with their abortion-related decisions that the decision should simply be taken away, and that these politicians can take them away faster and with more cruelty.

DeSantis's campaign is foundering. A recent set of polls shows him going "from bad to much worse," as a recent Washington Post headline described his candidacy — about 50 points behind Donald Trump. DeSantis is running low on ammunition. His recruiting is in the absolute gutter. He has less at stake in this campaign than someone who needs to end a pregnancy, but there's a certain kind of desperation at play here as he keeps traveling around trying out new ways to get people to react to what he's saying. It's outrage tourism. It's manufactured outrage on demand.

Adidas CEO: Ye didn't mean to attack Jews

BY SAMANTHA CHERY

Adidas chief executive Bjorn Gulden said in a podcast that he doesn't think Ye, formerly Kanye West, "meant what he said" about Jewish people last year, when the rapper's repeated antisemitic statements led the clothing and footwear company to stop producing his line of best-selling sneakers.

On a financial podcast last week, host Nicolai Tangen asked Gulden about problems he inherited when he left rival shoemaker Puma to lead Adidas at the beginning of this year.

Among those was the ongoing Yeezy fallout. Adidas was left with an estimated $1.3 billion worth of Ye's trademark sneakers in its inventory after it severed its partnership with him last fall, when the Grammy-winning musician made repeated statements attacking Jews and praising Nazis.

"This is before my time," Gulden told Tangen. "I think Kanye West is one of the most creative people in the world, both in music and what I'd call street culture. … And then, as creative people, you know, he did some statements that wasn't that good and that caused Adi[das] to break the contract and withdraw the product."

This was "unfortunate," the CEO continued. "I don't think he meant what he said, and I don't think he's a bad person. It just came across that way and that meant we lost that business, one of the most successful collaborations in the history. Very sad. But when you work with third parties it can happen, and it's part of the game."

Yeezy shoes used to earn Adidas an estimated $2 billion a year, according to Morningstar analyst David Swartz. The line accounted for $1.5 billion of Ye's net worth, Forbes estimated.

Adidas was one of the last major brands to cut ties with Ye after he wore a "White Lives Matter" T-shirt at an October Paris Fashion Week show and began to make increasingly virulent statements about Jews.

The brand announced last October that it would immediately "end production of Yeezy-branded products and stop all payments to Ye and his companies." Several weeks later, Ye appeared on right-wing conspiracy theorist Alex Jones's show and praised Hitler.

Ye is one of several high-profile people who have made disparaging comments about Jews in recent months. The Anti-Defamation League says that last year marked the highest number of antisemitic incidents in the United States in the Jewish human rights group's records. Meanwhile, Elon Musk, one of the richest men in the world, has accused the ADL of "trying to kill" the social media platform he owns, X, formerly Twitter. And former president Donald Trump was once again accused of promoting antisemitic rhetoric this week, when he shared a message on social media accusing "liberal Jews" who voted against him of trying to destroy the United States and Israel.

Adidas faced criticism earlier this year when it started selling its remaining Yeezy inventory — releasing batches in May and July. In the first round, the brand made $437 million in sales, donated more than $10 million to groups fighting antisemitism and pledged an additional donation of a little more than $100 million in the future, the company's chief financial officer said in a sales call afterward.

"Our position has not changed," Adidas said in a statement responding to its CEO's comments about Ye. "Ending the partnership was appropriate."

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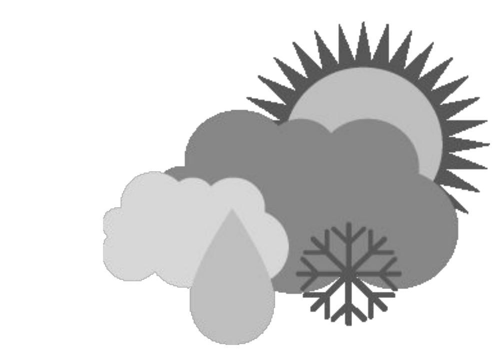


Adidas CEO Bjorn Gulden, pictured in 2019 when he was chief executive of Puma, says the fallout for Ye, formerly Kanye West, was "unfortunate."

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7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ **Wheel**	♦ **Jeopardy!**	♦ **Generation Gap** (SF)		♦ **The Prank Panel** (SF)		♦ Shark Tank		♦ **News**	♦ J.Kimmel
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A&E	The First 48		**The First 48**		**Interrogation Raw**		(:05) **Booked: First Day In**		(:05) The First 48	
AMC	(6:00) Movie: Vegas Vacation		Movie: My Cousin Vinny ★★★ (1992)					Movie: Goodfellas ★★★★ (1990)		
Animal Planet	Extinct or Alive		Extinct or Alive		Extinct or Alive		Extinct or Alive		Extinct or Alive	
BET	(6:00) Movie: Baby Boy ★★★ (2001)				College Hill		Movie: Waist Deep ★ (2006)			
Bravo	Below Deck Mediterranean		Southern Charm		**Southern Charm**			Southern Charm		Below Deck
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Discovery	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid				Naked and Afraid	
Disney	Kiff	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City
E!	(6:00) Movie: The Help ★★★ (2011)				Botched		**Botched**		**E! News**	Botched
ESPN	**Countdown**	**College Football** Georgia State at Coastal Carolina (Live)						**SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt** (Live)		
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Food Network	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	**Beat Bobby**	Beat Bobby	Bobby's Triple Threat		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
Fox News	**The Ingraham Angle** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News at Night** (Live)	
Freeform	(5:20) Movie: The Amazing Spider-Man 2			Movie: The Jungle Book ★★★ (2016)					The 700 Club	
FX	(6:00) Movie: Iron Man ★★★ (2008)				Movie: Iron Man 2 ★★ (2010)					Movie
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Sweetest Heart		Movie: Notes of Autumn (2023)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	Movie: Come Fly With Me (2023)				Movie: Christmas on My Mind (2019)				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(6:00) Movie: Greenland ★★		Winning Time		(:05) Movie: The Flash ★★ (2023)					Movie
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MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**Alex Wagner Tonight** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	Jersey Shore		**Jersey Shore Family Vacation**			(:45) Jersey Shore		(:45) **All Star Shore**		Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	Lost Treasures of the Maya		Lost Treasures of the Maya		Lost Treasures of the Maya		Lost City of Machu Picchu		Skeletons-Inca	
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Nickelodeon	The Tidal Zone		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo**		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: Gladiator ★★★ (2000)						Movie: Gladiator ★★★	
Syfy	(6:30) Movie: The Mummy ★★ (1999)				(:15) Movie: The Mummy Returns ★★ (2001)					
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Tacoma FD	Movie
TCM	(6:30) Movie: Across the Wi...		Movie: The Birds ★★★ (1963)				(:15) Movie: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner ★★★			
TLC	My Big Fat Fabulous Life		My 600-Lb. Life				Dr. Down Below		My Legs Won't	
TNT	**Pregame**	**Friendlies** United States vs. South Africa (Live)				**Postgame**	Movie: Jurassic World ★★ (2015)			
Travel	The Dead Files		The Dead Files		The Dead Files		**The Dead Files**		The Dead Files	
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TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different
USA Network	Movie: John Wick ★★★ (2014)				Movie: John Wick: Chapter 2 ★★★ (2017)					Movie
VH1	(6:30) Movie: Coming to America ★★★ (1988)				**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**	Movie: Hustlers ★★★ (2019)			
WNC8	True Crime	Income!	7News at 6	Paid Prog.	**SportsTalk**	**World News**	**WJLA News**	True Crime	**The National Desk** (Live)	

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THEATER REVIEW

Playing a conflicted priest, Méndez steals the show in GALA's 'Baño de luna'

BY CELIA WREN

In GALA Hispanic Theatre's wistful "Baño de luna (Bathing in Moonlight)," it takes just moments for the protagonist's charisma — and the production's standout performance — to register. The protagonist is Padre Monroe, a caring and talented Catholic priest in 2015 Miami. The performance is by the marvelous Raúl Méndez, who infuses the character with magnetism and conflicted depth.

As directed by the esteemed playwright Nilo Cruz from his own flawed but thoughtful script, the play (performed in Spanish with English surtitles) begins with a quasi-immersive scene. Méndez's Padre Monroe strolls down a theater aisle as though in procession at Mass, making eye contact, improvising jokes with congregants (theatergoers) and exuding joyous faith. By the time he launches into an inspiring sermon about inclusiveness, it's clear that any parish would be lucky to have him.

But Padre Monroe questions his calling when he falls in love with Marcela (Hannia Guillén), a 30-something single mother who's a gifted pianist. When she returns his affection, the looming scandal threatens not only the parish, but also Marcela's dysfunctional family, which is reeling from the trauma of fleeing Cuba.

That trauma, and Padre Monroe's potential breach of his vows, find an echo in Clifton Chadick's set, whose tiered, marble-like surface is gashed by a crevasse. It's a striking setup, especially when flooded with Christian D. Henrriquez's dramatic lighting and Hailey LaRoe's colorful projections: stained glass, religious paintings, eddying stars.

The imposing visuals complement the epic issues Padre Monroe is wrestling with: Would a loving God really require us to cut off part of our nature? Might loving a particular person strengthen our spirituality? While displaying the rebellious intelligence Padre Monroe brings to these questions, Méndez (Netflix's "Narcos") reveals the priest's disorientation in the face of human love. Here he is, awkwardly flirting with Marcela; there he is, prone on the floor in tortured prayer.

The other actors largely hold their own. Guillén lends Marcela pensive grace, although the character is too much of a stock self-sacrificing angel to be interesting. Hiram Delgado finds the poignancy in Marcela's underachieving brother, and Carlos Castillo, as a bishop, deftly melds sternness and compassion. (Cidney Forkpah designed the ecclesiastical garb and other costumes.) Less successful is Víctor Salinas's portrait of Marcela's son, Trino, whose age (teenage, per the playbill) seems to waver erratically.



DANIEL MARTÍNEZ

Raúl Méndez as Padre Monroe and Hannia Guillén as Marcela in GALA Hispanic Theatre's "Baño de luna (Bathing in Moonlight)," performed in Spanish with English surtitles.

As Marcela's mother, Martina, who is sliding into dementia, Luz Nicolás is by turns funny, steely and affectingly frail. In one riveting moment, the character sits quietly, looking straight ahead, then admits to a devastating betrayal of a loved one. Some other sequences in the play might be equally powerful had Cruz, as director, not overheated them with brooding sound effects.

With the storytelling hopping over a couple of crucial plot points in a frustrating way, "Baño de luna" is not on par with Cruz's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Anna in the Tropics." But Méndez turns the play into a moving character study that — moon-referencing title notwithstanding — is as sharp as a noon sunbeam.

Baño de luna (Bathing in Moonlight), written and directed by Nilo Cruz. In Spanish with English surtitles. Sound design, Justin Schmitz; properties, Luke Hartwood. About 2 hours. $25-$48. Through Oct. 1 at GALA Hispanic Theatre, 3333 14th St. NW. 202-234-7174. *galatheatre.org*.

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6198 Greenbelt Road
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:10-7:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:40
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 1:50-4:50-7:20
Expend4bles (R) CC: 6:00-7:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:30-4:30-6:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:15-7:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:40-7:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:10
The Nun II (R) 4:00

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:00-1:30
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 11:00-2:50-6:40-9:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:30-4:00
Expend4bles (R) CC: 6:00-7:10-8:30-9:45-11:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:10-1:50-4:40-7:20-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 11:50AM
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00-10:40
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 11:40-2:15-4:50-7:30-10:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:20-2:00-4:20-6:50-9:20
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 7:00-10:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 3:40
Dumb Money (R) CC: 3:00-5:35-8:10-10:45
Camp Hideout (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:30

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:20-7:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00
Expend4bles (R) CC: 6:00-7:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00-4:10-6:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:50
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:50-7:40
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 7:00
The Outlaw Johnny Black (PG-13) 1:20

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:00-3:25-6:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 3:35
Expend4bles (R) CC: 6:00-8:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
Jawan (Hindi) 3:00-6:00-8:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:20
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 2:45
Oppenheimer: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:00-5:00-8:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:15-3:45-6:10-9:20
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:10
Dumb Money (R) CC: 3:00-6:00-9:00
A Haunting in Venice: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 1:15-3:45
The Retirement Plan (R) CC: 1:40-4:15-9:10
The Inventor (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00
Shaky Shivers 7:00
Expend4bles (R) CC: 7:00-9:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Expend4bles (R) CC: 6:00-8:45
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:45
Dumb Money (R) CC: 3:30-6:15-9:00
Coco (2017) Disney100 (PG) 1:40-4:15-6:50-9:30
Barbie: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 4:00-7:00
Stop Making Sense: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) CC: 10:00
Expend4bles (R) CC: 7:00-9:45

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:45-2:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:45-3:30-6:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00
Expend4bles (R) CC: 6:00-8:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:15-3:00-4:45-5:45-8:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:00-4:15-7:45
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:30-8:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 8:30
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 7:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:30
The Outlaw Johnny Black (PG-13) 2:45
Barbie (PG-13) 7:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 5:00
Expend4bles (R) 7:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-5:15

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:00-9:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:35-9:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:30
Strays (R) CC: 6:45
Expend4bles (R) CC: 6:00-8:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 3:15-6:20-9:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:35-4:15-7:00-9:40
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 2:40-5:15
Talk to Me (R) CC: 1:45-4:15-9:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:10-4:00-6:30-9:00
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:30
The Outlaw Johnny Black (PG-13) 2:00-5:15-8:30
A Haunting in Venice: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:00
The Retirement Plan (R) CC: 1:10-3:45-6:20
Barbie: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 4:00-6:50-9:40
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) OC: 8:00
The Retirement Plan (R) OC: 9:00

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:45-5:30-8:15-11:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 2:15-4:45
Heart's Motive (Zuìhòu de zhenxiàng) 7:45
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:25-6:15-10:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 3:00-4:00
Strays (R) CC: 10:45
Expend4bles (R) CC: 6:00-7:30-9:00-10:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:30-5:15-8:00-10:45
Elemental (PG) CC: 2:15
Jawan (Hindi) 2:45-6:45-10:25
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 4:15-7:15-10:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:20-5:00-7:45-10:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
Golda (PG-13) CC: 2:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:05-4:30-7:05-9:30
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 2:10
Dumb Money (R) CC: 3:00-4:30-6:00-7:15-9:00-10:00
The Retirement Plan (R) CC: 4:25
The Inventor (PG) CC: 5:00
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 4:00-7:20-10:40
Relax, I'm from the Future 7:00-9:45

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Barbie (PG-13) 10:50-1:45-4:35-7:25-10:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:45-1:25-4:05-6:50-9:30
Oppenheimer (R) 10:35-2:35-6:35-10:35
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:25-3:30-6:40-9:45
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 10:55-1:50-4:50-7:45-10:40
Expend4bles (R) 7:00-7:30-10:00-10:40; 6:30-9:10; 6:30-9:10; 6:00-8:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 10:25-10:55-1:40-4:25-7:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 11:50-3:20-7:00-10:10
The Nun II (R) 10:30-11:05-1:55-4:45-5:05-7:35-7:55-10:25-10:45; 12:50-3:40
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 11:30-12:00-2:10-2:40-4:50-5:20-7:30-8:00-10:10-10:40
Talk to Me (R) 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:25-10:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:35-2:05-4:35-7:05-9:35
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 7:00-9:40
Bottoms (R) 11:10-1:45-4:30
Dumb Money (R) 3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00
The Retirement Plan (R) 11:40-3:20
Camp Hideout (PG) 10:50-1:30-4:10
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 6:00-9:30
Strays (R) 1:10
Expend4bles (R) XD: 6:00-8:40
Jawan (Hindi) 10:40-2:25-6:10-9:55
The Nun II (R) 12:50-3:40
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) 11:55AM
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) XD: 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:00-9:40
The Inventor (PG) 10:35-1:05-3:35
Shaky Shivers 7:00
Coco (2017) Disney100 (PG) 10:30-1:10-3:50
Mark Antony (Tamil) 9:30
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms XD: 11:10-2:35

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Barbie (PG-13) 2:40-5:40-8:40
Expend4bles (R) 6:40-7:40-9:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:40-1:20-3:40-4:20-7:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:00-3:30
The Nun II (R) 2:00-2:20-5:00-8:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:20-1:40-3:20-4:40-6:20-9:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 7:00
Dumb Money (R) 5:20-8:20

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 1:45-4:15-7:15
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 6:45
Oppenheimer (R) 1:10-3:15-7:00
How to Blow Up a Pipeline (R) 2:15-6:45
Cassandro (R) 4:45-7:45
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 3:45-7:00
Golda (PG-13) 1:00-4:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 3:15-5:20-7:30
Dumb Money (R) 3:00-5:30-8:00
The Last Rider (PG-13) 4:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 1:15
Cassandro (R) 1:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:05

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Barbie (PG-13) 1:15-4:00-7:25
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:55-4:10-6:50
Oppenheimer (R) 1:00-3:30-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:05-4:35-7:20
The Nun II (R) 2:00-4:40-7:30
How to Blow Up a Pipeline (R) 1:45-7:15
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 1:45-4:15-7:15
Cassandro (R) 1:30-4:30-7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:20-4:20-7:10
The Last Rider (PG-13) 4:30

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
Pulp Fiction (R) 8:00
Fremont 7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 5:30

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 2:05-4:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:50-4:45-7:35
Expend4bles (R) 6:00-8:35
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:45-5:35-8:15
The Nun II (R) 2:30-5:00-7:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Barbie (PG-13) 12:10-4:15-7:10-10:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:25-2:55
Oppenheimer (R) 12:40-4:30-8:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:25-3:10-6:30-9:20
Expend4bles (R) 6:00-7:00-8:45-9:00-9:45
Jawan (Hindi) 12:00-1:00-3:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 5:40-9:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:15-1:15-3:00-4:00-7:25-10:00
Talk to Me (R) 9:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:45-3:10-5:55-8:30
Bottoms (R) 1:10-3:50
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 7:00-9:45
Dumb Money (R) 3:00-5:50-8:40
The Outlaw Johnny Black (PG-13) 12:00-3:25-9:30
The Retirement Plan (R) 12:40-3:30-6:15-9:00
The Inventor (PG) 1:20-3:55
Shaky Shivers 7:00
Coco (2017) Disney100 (PG) 12:00-3:00-6:00
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 6:00-9:30
Buhey Bariyan (Buhe Bariyan) 12:00
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms - The IMAX 2D Experience 2:00
Lift (PG-13) 12:50-3:40-6:20-9:15
The Nun II (R) 12:30-1:30-3:20-4:20-6:10-6:40-7:10-9:30-10:00

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) 1:00-4:00
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 12:20-4:30-8:30
Oppenheimer (R) 11:35-3:30
Expend4bles (R) 6:00-8:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:25-5:00-7:50
Jawan (Hindi) 11:30-1:10-3:20-4:50-7:20-8:50
The Nun II (R) 12:40-3:40-6:30-7:30-9:20
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 11:40-12:30-1:40-2:30-3:10-4:20-5:20-6:10-7:10-8:00-9:10-9:50
The Hill (PG) 11:50-3:00-6:20-9:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:10-2:40-4:25-5:40-8:10
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 6:50-9:40
Bottoms (R) 12:00-2:50
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 12:50
Shaky Shivers 7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 2:10

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) 12:05-2:50-5:45-8:35
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:50-3:25-5:50-8:40
Oppenheimer (R) 12:30-4:20-6:50
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:00-2:55-8:10
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 3:50
Expend4bles (R) 6:00-7:10-8:10-8:50-10:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:15-5:30-8:25
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:10
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:10-1:35-3:00-4:10-5:35-8:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:55-3:15-5:55-8:50
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 7:00-9:35
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 2:55
The Nun II (R) 12:00-1:20-2:45-4:00-5:25-6:40

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 12:20-3:10-6:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:45-4:20
Oppenheimer (R) 12:30-8:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 3:00-6:20-9:20
Expend4bles (R) 6:00-6:45-7:35-8:40-9:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:25-3:15-5:00-8:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 7:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:15-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 2:10-4:40-5:45-8:15
Bottoms (R) 12:50-3:20
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 7:00-9:30
The Outlaw Johnny Black (PG-13) 12:45-3:45
The Retirement Plan (R) 12:25-2:45-5:20-8:00
The Nun II (R) 12:40-2:00-3:30-4:50-6:10-9:10

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:00
Oppenheimer (R) 11:50AM
Expend4bles (R) 6:00-8:50
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:40-3:50-6:50-9:50
The Nun II (R) 12:30-1:50-3:20-6:20-9:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 1:20-4:10-7:00-9:50
Golda (PG-13) 12:50-3:30-6:30-9:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:10-2:50-5:20-8:10
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 7:10-9:40
Bottoms (R) 11:40-2:10-4:50-7:30
The Retirement Plan (R) 1:00-3:40-6:40-9:40
Shaky Shivers 7:00
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 6:00-10:00
No More Bets 11:30-2:40

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Barbie (PG-13) 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:15
Oppenheimer (R) 12:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:00-3:30-6:40
Expend4bles (R) 6:40-10:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:40-1:10-3:50-4:20-6:50-9:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 9:40
The Nun II (R) 12:10-1:00-3:20-4:00-6:20-7:10-9:10-10:10
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:50-1:20-2:00-3:40-6:30-9:20-9:50
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:10-3:00-4:30-6:10-9:10
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 7:20-10:20
Dumb Money (R) 4:00-7:00-10:00
A Haunting in Venice: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:20-3:10
Shaky Shivers 7:10
Barbie: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 6:00-9:10

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Barbie (PG-13) 12:00
Oppenheimer (R) 12:30-4:20-7:30
Expend4bles (R) 6:00-8:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:40-3:50
The Nun II (R) 3:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:10-1:30-2:50-4:30-5:40-7:45-8:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:40-4:10-6:45-9:20
A Haunting in Venice: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 1:00
Shaky Shivers 7:00
Barbie: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 3:40-7:15
Barbie (PG-13) 1:10-4:00-8:15
Expend4bles (R) 6:45-9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 3:30
The Nun II (R) 1:50-4:40-8:00

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) 1:00
Barbie (PG-13) 12:55-3:35-6:35-9:25
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:25-1:45-4:25-6:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:05-4:00-7:05-9:05
Batman Begins (PG-13) 1:30
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 1:25-4:15
Talk to Me (R) 1:35
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:45-2:05-4:45-7:15-9:35
Expend4bles (R) 6:00-6:40-7:20-8:30-9:10-9:50
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:00-11:40-1:40-2:20-4:20-5:10-7:00-7:40-9:30
The Nun II (R) 11:20-2:00-2:40-4:40-5:20-7:30-10:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 11:10-1:10-4:10-6:50-9:20
The Outlaw Johnny Black (PG-13) 10:50-1:50-4:50-7:50-9:10
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 7:00-9:30
The Retirement Plan (R) 10:50AM

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 3:00
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 3:15-6:30-9:45
Oppenheimer (R) 3:00
Expend4bles (R) (!) 7:00-7:45-10:00-10:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:30-4:45-6:45-10:30
The Nun II (R) 2:45-7:30-10:45
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) (!) 2:30-6:00-9:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 4:00-7:15-10:15
Dumb Money (R) (!) 6:15-9:15

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:15-4:45-8:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 12:20
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:50-3:10-7:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:40-4:30-7:30
Expend4bles (R) CC: 6:00-8:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:40-5:20-8:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:20-3:40-6:10
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 7:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:10-3:30
Dumb Money (R) CC: 3:00-5:40-8:20

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Expend4bles (R) 6:30
The Dark Knight (PG-13) CC: 6:00
The Lego Movie (PG) CC: 5:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00-8:00-9:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:00-4:30-8:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 4:30
Strays (R) CC: 1:15
Expend4bles (R) CC: 7:15-10:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:30-3:45-7:30-9:30
Jawan (Hindi) 1:30-4:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:45-7:00-10:00
The Origin of Evil (L'origine du mal) (R) 4:00-5:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:45-9:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:30
Talk to Me (R) CC: 7:00-9:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:30-10:00
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 2:00-4:30
Dumb Money (R) CC: 3:00-4:00-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:45
The Outlaw Johnny Black (PG-13) 3:30-6:30
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 1:30-8:30
The Retirement Plan (R) CC: 3:15
The Inventor (PG) CC: 1:30
Shaky Shivers 7:00
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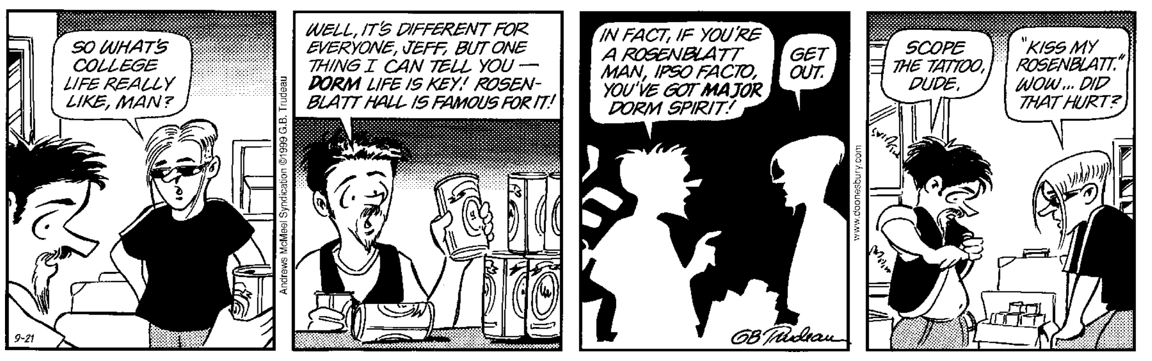
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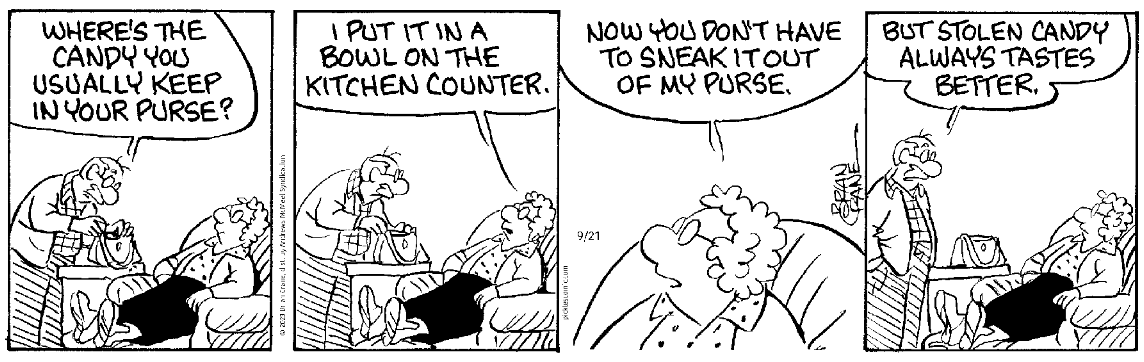
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Journey to Space (NR) 10:20-1:05-3:50-5:00
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:25-4:25
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:55-1:45-3:15
Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 11:30AM
The Dream is Alive (NR) 2:25

University Mall Theatres
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CLASSIC DOONESBURY
GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

BOTH SIDES VULNERABLE

	NORTH	
	♠ K Q J 10 9	
	♥ 6 4	
	♦ A 9 7 4	
	♣ 5 3	
WEST (D)		EAST
♠ A 8 6 5		♠ 7 4
♥ 8		♥ 9 3 2
♦ K Q J 10		♦ 8 5 2
♣ A 9 7 2		♣ Q J 10 8 4
	SOUTH	
	♠ 3 2	
	♥ A K Q J 10 7 5	
	♦ 6 3	
	♣ K 6	

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 ♦	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
All Pass			

Opening lead — ♦ K

Marty Bergen is a writer and teacher who recently entered the ACBL's Hall of Fame. He is a champion player, semi-retired from competing now. He may be best known as an influential bidding theorist and the originator of "Bergen raises" and other innovative treatments. As today's deal shows, he is no slouch as declarer.

Bergen played at four hearts, and West led the king of diamonds. Bergen played low from dummy, won the next diamond and, looking a few tricks ahead, ruffed a diamond. He drew trumps and led a spade.

West played low, and when dummy won, East signaled with the seven, suggesting a doubleton. Bergen then ruffed dummy's last diamond and led another spade. West took the ace and was end-played: He had to take his ace of clubs, and Bergen had the rest.

The deal arose in a team match, and at the other table, the declarer at four hearts neglected to ruff any diamonds in his hand. Then West retained some exit cards and could avoid the end play.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ A 8 6 5 ♥ 8
♦ K Q J 10 ♣ A 9 7 2

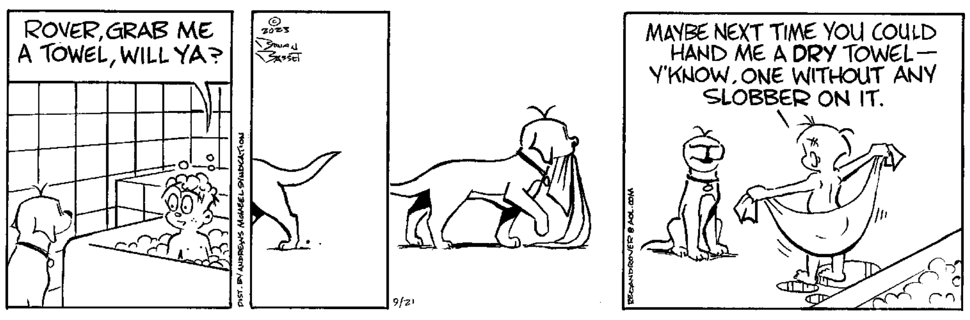
Your partner opens one heart. The next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: A response of one spade to look for a major-suit fit may appeal, but since you have enough values for several bids and will insist on game, a better plan exists. Respond two diamonds on your chunky four-card suit. If partner rebids two hearts, you can bid an economical two spades, and then if he bids 2NT, you can try three clubs.

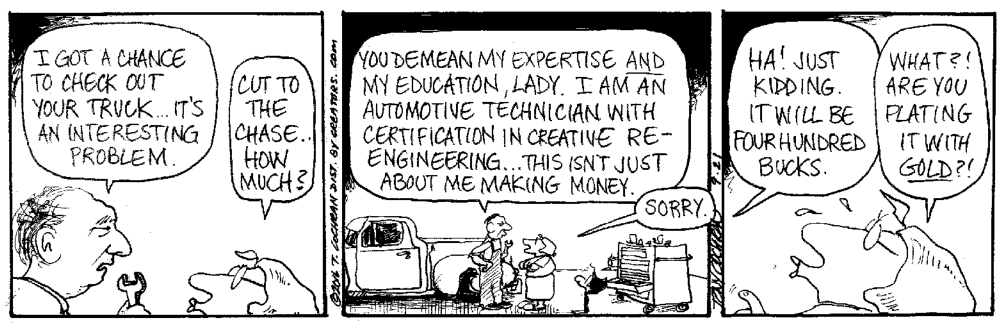
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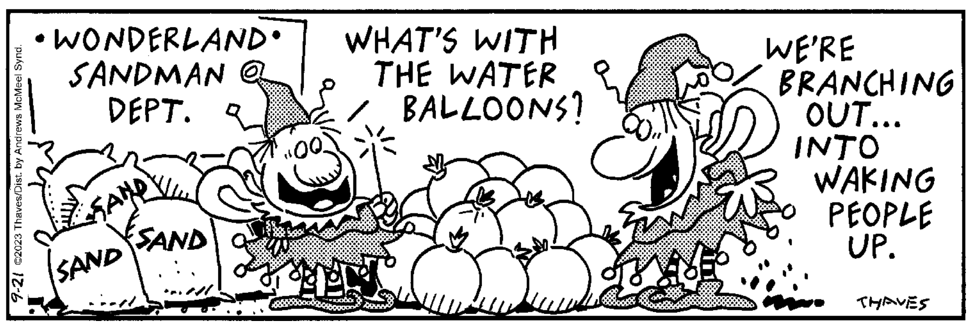
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BRIAN BASSET



AGNES
TONY COCHRAN



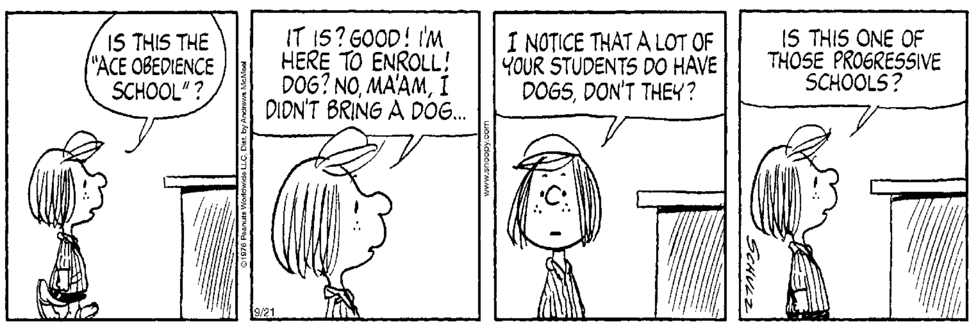
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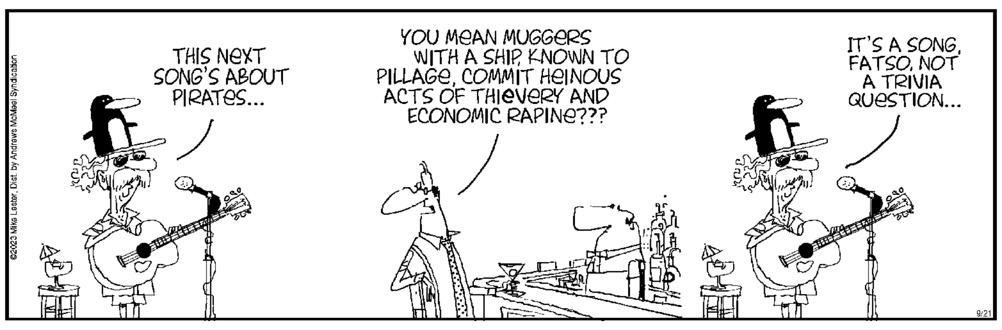
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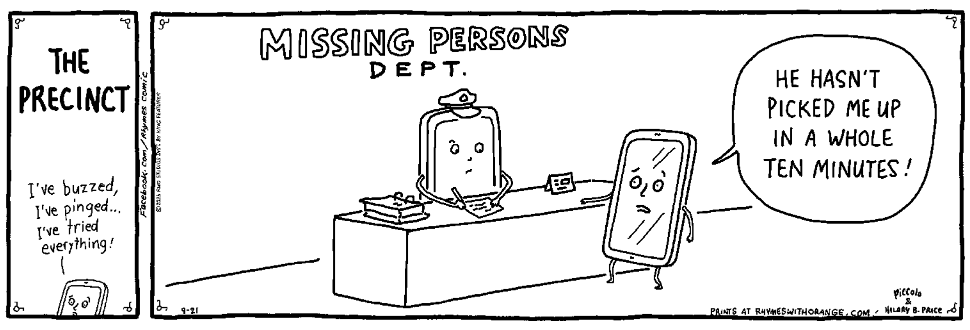
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CHARLES SCHULZ



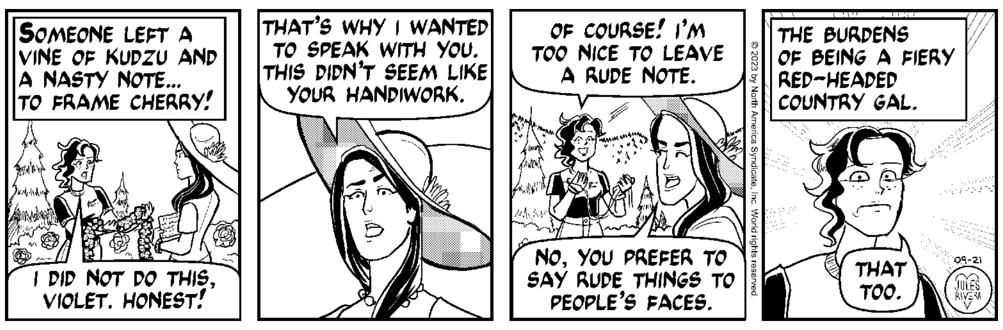
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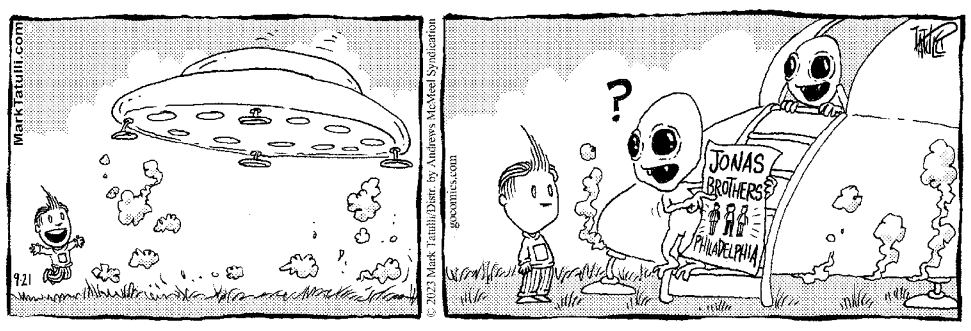
RHYMES WITH ORANGE
HILARY PRICE



MARK TRAIL
JULES RIVERA



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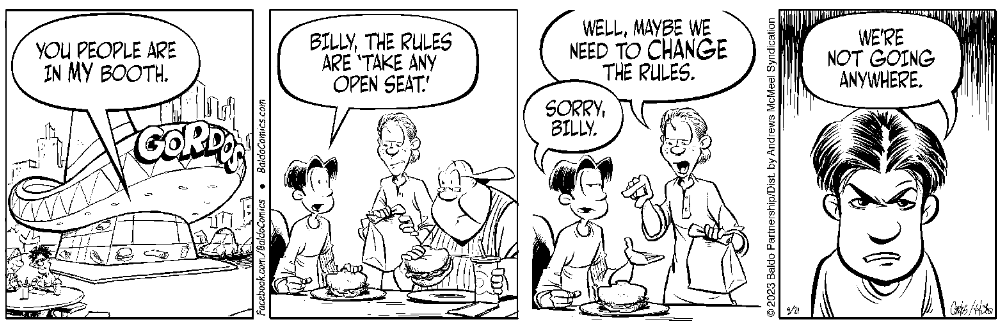
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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RACK 3: A₁ E₁ E₁ F₄ L₁ C₃ F₄

RACK 4: A₁ A₁ E₁ I₁ T₁ R₁ D₂ — 3rd Letter Triple

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 213

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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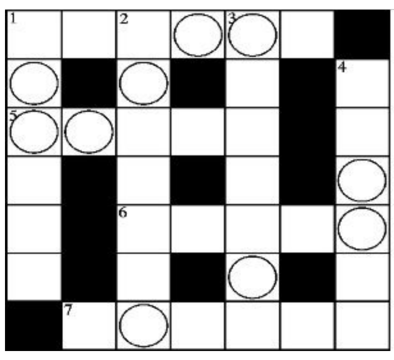
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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS
by David L. Hoyt



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ACROSS

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1. Beguile, coax	ECNTIE
5. Slender boat	NOCAE
6. Born earlier	DRLEE
7. Solid, durable	DSUTRY

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ performance	REEONC
2. Digression	ETNATGN
3. Sharp ____	HCARDDE
4. Double-cross	REAYTB

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BONUS

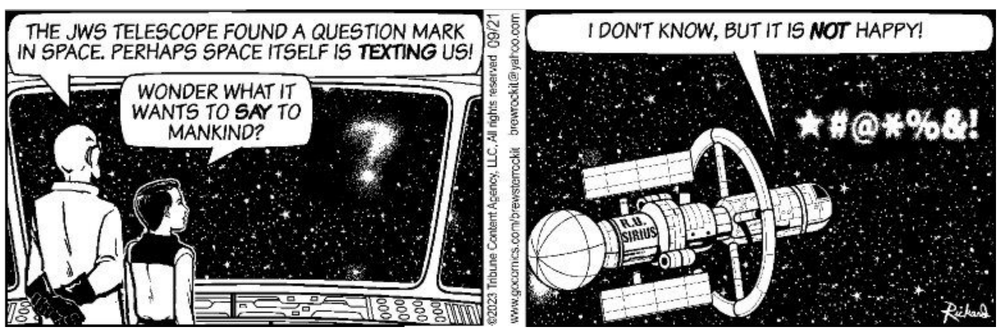
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ANSWERS: 1A-Entice 5A-Canoe 6A-Elder 7A-Sturdy 1D-Encore 2D-Tangent 3D-Cheddar 4D-Betray B-Antarctica

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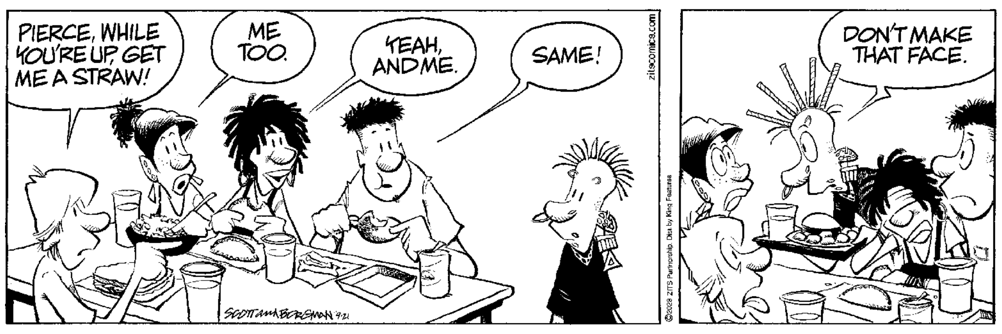
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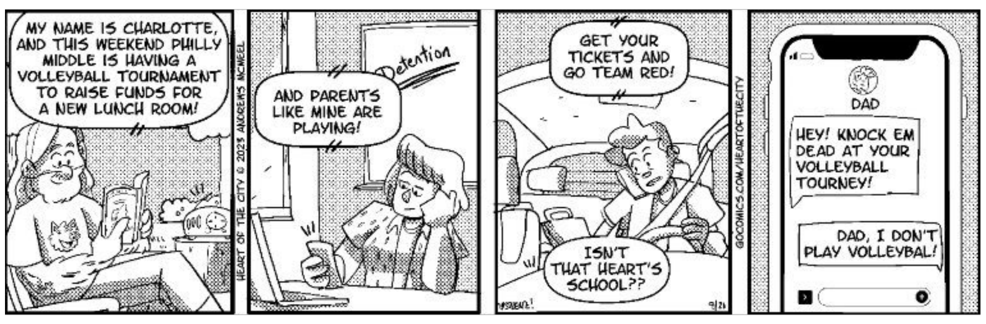
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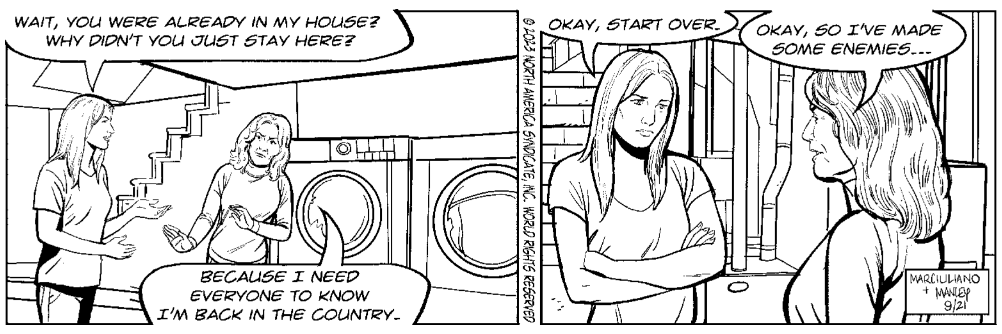
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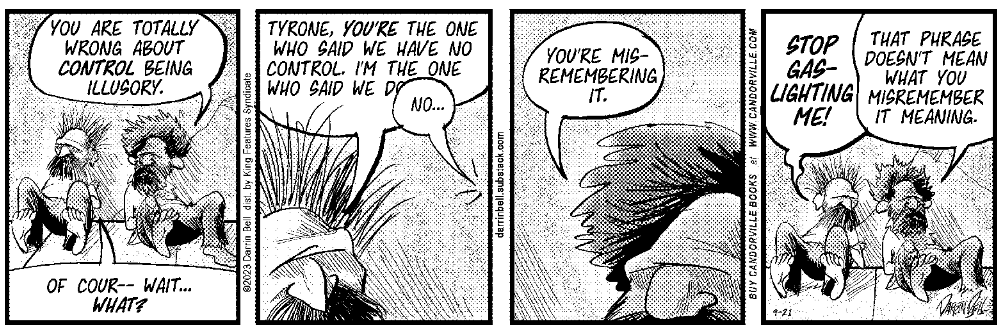
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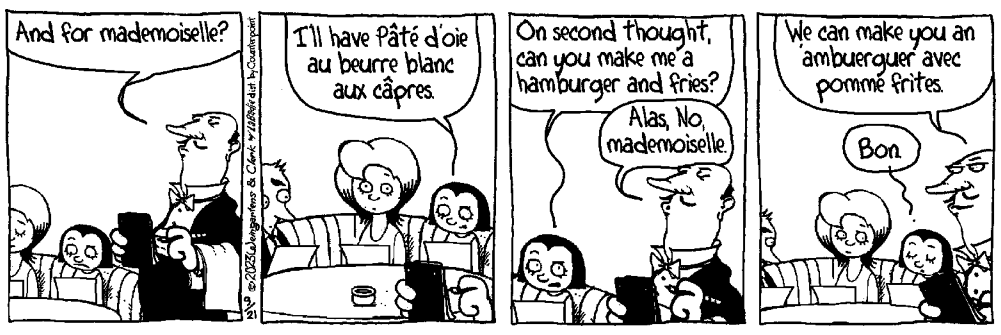
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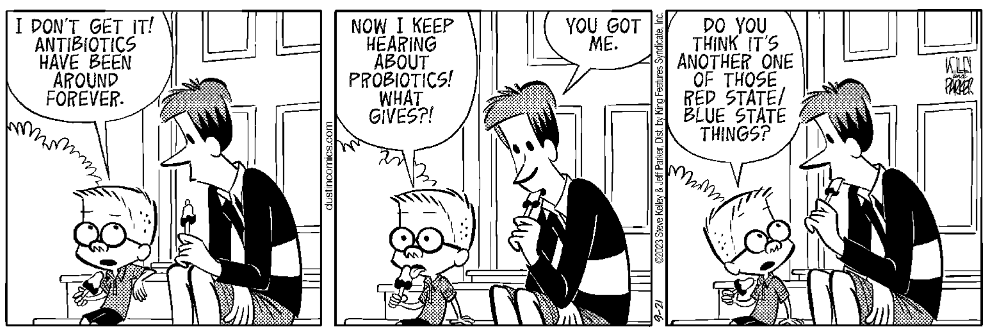
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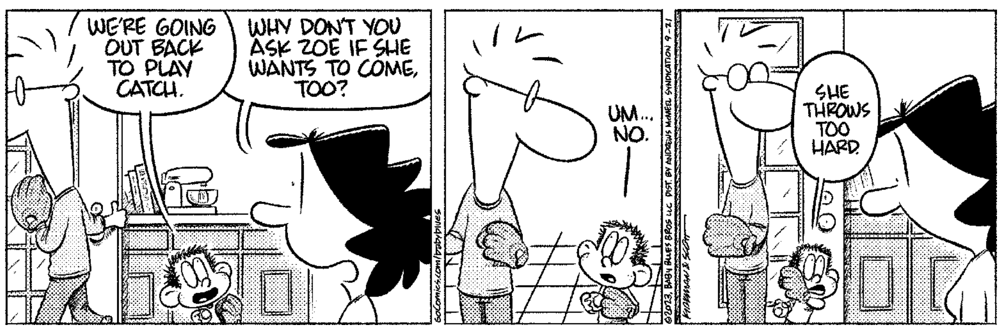
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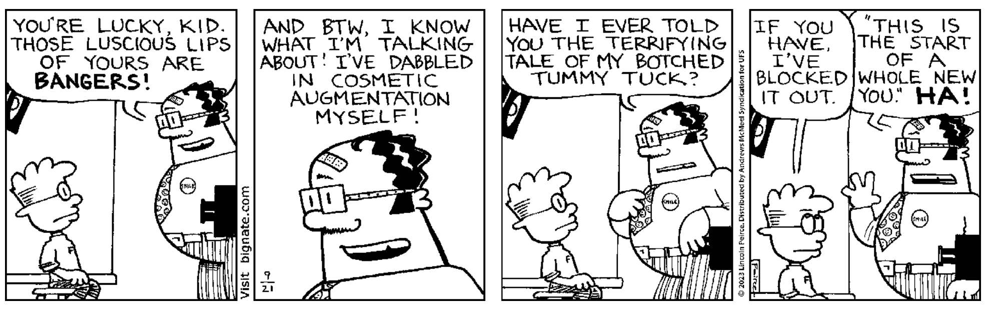
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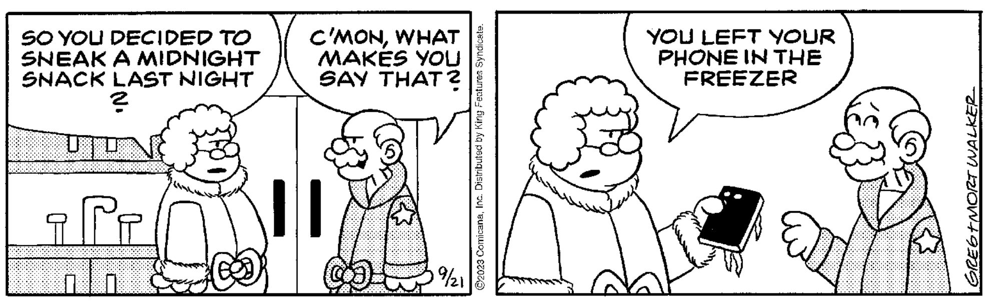


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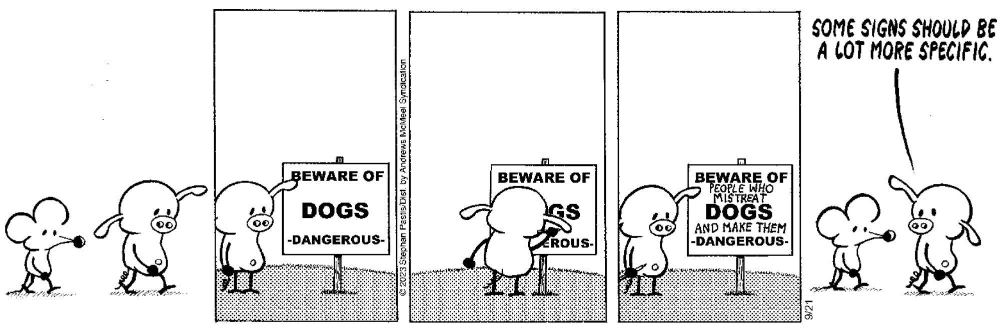


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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE STEPHAN PASTIS



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BIRTHDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

You're curious about everything because you have a strong sense of adventure and lust for life. You probe deeply. You are in the first year of a nine-year cycle, which means be open to everything. Be courageous and ready to explore new directions. It's time for a major change.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Sagittarius.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
This is a strong, happy day for you! Relations with others will flow smoothly and be affectionate. In fact, romance is favored! You will also put a lot of energy into doing something to expand your world, especially through travel or making travel reservations.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Issues related to work, your health or dealing with a pet are favored today. Discussions related to home and real estate, especially about finances or responsibilities, will go well.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Conversations with someone, probably a female, will be lively today. This person might be a close friend or partner, and today they have something to say. Fortunately, things appear to be convivial and friendly.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Today you are focused on tasks and responsibilities; nevertheless, you will enjoy what you're doing. You might be able to boost your income or increase your wealth. This is also a good day to make improvements to your home or even family relationships.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
This is a romantic, fun-loving, playful day. Don't hesitate to express your affection for someone. You will also be very convincing and persuasive in getting your way, especially with social events and decisions about what to do.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
You have a lot to say today! You might keep track of household expenses or issues related to family. You might want to set aside some time to focus on where the money is going. (Information is power.)

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
Today you're full of vim and vigor, ready to work and accomplish as much as possible, especially related to your job or ways to earn money. You will be effective dealing with friends as well as groups and organizations.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Today you're focused on money and, fortunately, you feel positive about these issues. Bosses and people in authority will favor you. It's a good day to ask for permission or authorization for something.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Today the Moon is in your sign, which invigorates you and makes you more emotional than usual. You will be effective dealing with groups, clubs and friends, as well as people from different backgrounds.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Welcome any moment of privacy or gentle solitude that you can get today. You will enjoy it. You have been ambitious and successful with financial matters, dealing with travel plans, medicine and legal matters, as well as studying. You need a breather!

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Enjoy schmoozing with friends and groups today. It's a sociable day! You might feel a bit competitive with someone. Nevertheless, relations with partners and close friends will be warm and friendly.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Today details about your personal life might be made public to some people. Fortunately, work colleagues are supportive. If you have to discuss how to divide or share something, including property, money or responsibilities, you'll be pleased.

— Georgia Nicols

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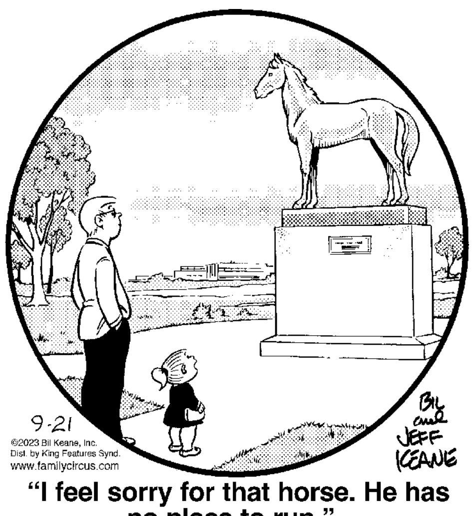
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"SOMETIMES I THINK GEORGE IS HIS OWN WORST ENEMY." "I HAVE MARGARET FOR THAT."

FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE


"I feel sorry for that horse. He has no place to run."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS



Festivals give us hints at films Oscars may favor

MOVIES FROM C1

Jews in Nazi Germany and the societal shunning of Dalits, or "the untouchables," in India. Critical consensus hasn't been universal, but let the multiple standing ovations and the audible sobbing that racked Toronto theaters be your guide.

Instant front-runner: Emma Stone in Yorgos Lanthimos's "Poor Things" (Dec. 8)

From the second Stone appears on-screen, playing piano with her feet, lurching around as if she doesn't yet have full control of her limbs, the actress is transformed into Bella Baxter, a 19th-century woman who is reborn and raised again by a mad scientist (Willem Dafoe). Every moment of this gorgeously shot satire, which turns into a sex-positive feminist fable, has Stone's stamp on it; she's a producer and spent years creating the character with Lanthimos, her director on "The Favourite." Winner of the Golden Lion at Venice, "Poor Things" got an explosive reception at Telluride when it debuted there a day later.

Best case for a best duo Oscar: Annette Bening and Jodie Foster in "Nyad" (Oct. 20)

Bening trained for a year to play the stubborn, immensely talented Diana Nyad, who was determined, in her 60s, to be the first person to complete the open ocean swim from Cuba to Miami without a shark tank — a distance of 110 miles. Recent controversy swirling around Nyad's accomplishment threatens to diminish Bening's considerable one. The movie's big lesson, though, is that swimming is a team sport, and it just feels like there should be a special statue for the synergy between Bening and Foster, who plays Nyad's coach, best friend and former lover Bonnie Stoll — and is a lock for a supporting actress nod, according to most pundits.

Freshest new voice: Cord Jefferson, "American Fiction" (Nov. 3)

You could practically feel the theater shaking with laughter during both screenings I saw of Jefferson's directorial debut, which just walked home with the People's Choice Award in Toronto. The sharp satire, based on Percival Everett's 2021 novel "Erasure," stars Jeffrey Wright as a fed-up professor who writes a race-baiting novel pandering to White audiences, only to find himself with a smash hit, to his great discomfort. Jefferson, who won an Emmy for his writing on "Watchmen," also fills the film with tender moments about sibling discord, aging parents and the traumas that keep us closed off to affection. He's a strong contender for the stacked adapted screenplay category, while Wright has plenty of advocates for best actor. As Jefferson said in screenings, "I'm 41 and I just figured out what I want to do with my life." The maturity shows.

Most in danger of getting overlooked due to the SAG strike: TIE, Colman Domingo and Gael García Bernal

These incredible actors and union men stayed home in solidarity with their guild, but they're fighting for attention with folks in stronger best picture contenders and could use the bump that comes with a festival spotlight. Domingo is having one hell of a year and could be competing in two categories with his lead performance as gay civil rights activist Bayard Rustin in "Rustin," (Nov. 3) and his supporting role in "The Color Purple" (Dec. 25). He also stirred a huge reaction at TIFF for playing the prisoner-leader of a theater program, alongside a cast of formerly incarcerated actors, in "Sing Sing." If that movie gets released this year, it could muddle the race even further. Bernal, meanwhile, throws his body on the line in a tender turn as Saúl Armendáriz, a gay Mexican wrestler known as "the Liberace of Lucha Libre." Bernal was at the world premiere of "Cassandro" at Sundance in January but couldn't go to its Telluride screening or shill for its Sept. 22 debut on Prime Video. One can only hope that academy voters catch his exuberant performance without the promotional push.



ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA/NEON

Writer/director Ava DuVernay on the Berlin set of "Origin," which was well-received at the Toronto International Film Festival and is expected to be a contender for Oscar nominations.

Most sustained buzz: TIE, Jonathan Glazer's "The Zone of Interest" (Dec. 8) and Justine Triet's "Anatomy of a Fall" (Oct. 13)

With the exception of Bong Joon-ho's "Parasite" in 2019, favorites of the Cannes Film Festival are often too artsy for the academy's tastes. Two years ago, the violent, confrontational Palme d'Or winner, "Titane," didn't even make it into the international feature race. With commercial Hollywood fare clearing out because of the strikes, though, both Triet's Palme-winning courtroom thriller and Glazer's chilling Holocaust film (which took the fest's runner-up prize), are not only going strong but gaining momentum. They also both star the same German actress, Sandra Hüller, who could join Domingo in competing in two categories — and she's overseas talent and therefore not on strike.

Wildest wild card: Andrew Scott in "All of Us Strangers" (Dec. 22)

British director Andrew Haigh's 2015 film, "45 Years," had enough support to earn Charlotte Rampling a best actress nomination. His latest, a sexy, tender ghost story centered on a romance between two lonely gay men will test whether the academy has really progressed with the times. Scott, a.k.a. the hot priest from "Fleabag," has never had this kind of spotlight in film. And his performance, as a middle-aged writer whose early traumas have kept him from experiencing love, opposite an equally vulnerable Paul Mescal (last year's surprise best actor nominee), left much of the audience stumbling out of the theater in a tear-stained stupor.

Best un-retired retiree: Hayao Miyazaki, "The Boy and the Heron" (Dec. 8)

This epic fantasy set in the countryside of Japan in the Second World War was billed as the 83-year-old animation master's final film. In it, a 12-year-old boy travels through space and time, befriending magical creatures and battling giant, menacing parakeets in what feels like a profound parable for death and climate change. It seemed like a shoo-in for best animated feature, like 2001's "Spirited Away," and a possible long shot best picture nom, but now — surprise! — Miyazaki is no longer retiring. He'll lose some of the honorific vote factor, but what a fortuitous turn of events for all of us.

Best chance for a do-over pile of nominations: Alexander Payne's "The Holdovers" (Nov. 10)

This is, simultaneously, Payne's Christmas movie, and a wonderful reunion between the director and his "Sideways" star Paul Giamatti, who plays a grumpy boys' preparatory school teacher forced to babysit the "holdovers" who can't go home during the holiday break. Let's look at the history: Three of Payne's last four films got best picture and best director noms, starting with 2004's "Sideways," which received five nominations and won for adapted screenplay (Payne won again for "The Descendants"). Giamatti, though, didn't get nominated — and his terrific performance has only aged in our collective estimation like fine wine. Look for academy members to make up for that slight, plus reward Payne's old-fashioned, warmhearted pluck. The film also features breakout performances from Da'Vine Joy Randolph of HBO's "The Idol" and newcomer Dominic Sessa.

Documentary to beat: "The Pigeon Tunnel" (Oct. 20)

Let's get this out of the way: I am not an Errol Morris devotee. I've never read a John le Carré novel. But I was glued to my seat for the whole of this unconventional documentary, which rests entirely on the words of David Cornwell, who used le Carré as his pen name and died in December 2020, laying out his life's story, knowing the end is nigh. Morris — who won best documentary the only time he's been nominated, for 2004's "The Fog of War" — presents archival images and interviews as if filmed through shattered mirrors, and illustrates anecdotes with wordless reenactments, all to an anxiety-inducing score from Philip Glass and Paul Leonard-Morgan. It plays like a thriller.

Stacking the shorts race: Pedro Almodóvar's "Strange Way of Life" (Oct. 6) and Wes Anderson's "The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar" (Sept. 20)

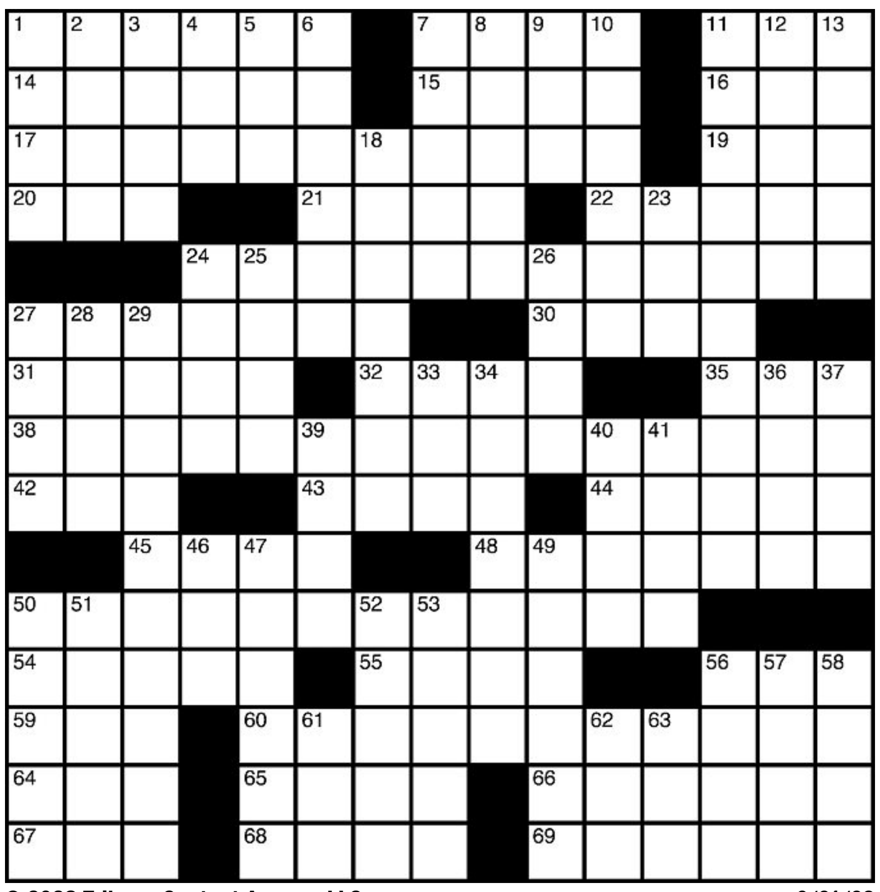
If you're a live-action shorts director, this is either the best of years or the worst of years, depending on your tendency toward optimism. Two of the most-beloved directors in the industry have stepped into the race, to great fanfare. Almodóvar went to Cannes and Toronto with a 31-minute gay western that aims to bring the heat he felt "Brokeback Mountain" lacked, starring Pedro Pascal and Ethan Hawke as lovers. Anderson received a filmmaker award at Venice while premiering his 40-minute short, based on a Roald Dahl story and starring Benedict Cumberbatch. They could crush all other competition, or be a catalyst for the most-watched shorts program in ages. Stay tuned!

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By Jason Reich

ACROSS

1 Here, there, or everywhere
7 Weigh station rig
11 12-mo. spans
14 Bit of baby babble
15 Cornfield array
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17 "Devilishly delicious" hard cider brand
19 "Blonde" Oscar nominee de Armas
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35 Young chap
38 Classic sitcom that began with the wreck of the S.S. Minnow
42 __ pro nobis
43 Texter's "But ..."
44 Hexa- minus one
45 Promising
48 Causing acute embarrassment
50 Result of appreciation
54 Florida city known for thoroughbred farms
55 Desires
56 Racing circuit
59 Prince of some German names
60 Blinkers, and a hint to filling in 17-, 24-, 38-, and 50-Across?
64 Before, poetically
65 "All clear now"
66 Blue alien played by Karen Gillan in Marvel films
67 Bowen Yang's show, for short
68 Throw out a line
69 Motown great Knight



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1 Dumbfounded
2 Animated explorer
3 Null and __
4 Urge (on)
5 French king
6 Laugh line?
7 David Oyelowo film set in Alabama
8 Atelier tripod
9 Orthopedist's scan, briefly
10 "Wouldn't you agree?"
11 Tropical flower used in aromatherapy products
12 "Girls5eva" co-star __ Elise Goldsberry
13 Drummer Ringo
18 Stunt pilot
23 Add-__
24 Winnow
25 Prefix with pad
26 Tireless, unpaid assistant
27 "It is the green-eyed monster ..." speaker
28 Step in a cocktail recipe
29 Green thing on a roof
33 Musician Brian who calls himself a "nonmusician"
34 Refuse collectors
36 Prerequisite to a deal
37 Make-or-break time
39 Spanish painter Francisco
40 Washer cycle
41 Eye part
46 Frequent medium for 39-Down
47 __ cling
49 On the way up
50 Sheltered inlets
51 Squirrel morsel
52 Early strings
53 Absurdist playwright Jean
56 Praise
57 Side (with)
58 Free TV spots
61 Can. neighbor
62 Shaving option
63 Org. with Kings and Cavaliers

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Taken aback by spouse's housing offer

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from online discussions.

Dear Carolyn: A friend of my spouse must commute (via plane) to our state for work three days every week because he's not approved to work remotely. He asked my spouse about apartments or rooms he could rent. My spouse suggested he live with us.

I was angry and told my spouse I don't want a roommate or to be a landlord. My spouse was upset and felt I wasn't being nice. He wants me to change my mind.

We have a 6-month-old child and finally a house of our own after renting and sharing with roommates for 13-plus years; I want my space and privacy. There are other ways we can show his friend kindness.

The friend is a nice guy and has been helpful to my spouse in finding employment and giving us lots of pass-me-downs from his kids. I told my spouse we could offer a room as a stopgap until he finds something more permanent. Am I really a bad person for not saying yes to this?

— Not a Roommate

Not a Roommate: Nope. Your offer is a generous compromise under the forehead-slappingly bad conditions your spouse created by not talking to you before he offered his friend a room. Two equals who share a home forfeit the right to offer it out unilaterally, except in a short-term emergency or unless there's some sort of shared cultural understanding or protocol you both live by.

Since you have enormous incentive to fix this with your spouse, even though you're 100 percent right, maybe acknowledge his big heart and his indebtedness and say you're fine with doing x, y or z in lieu, but you're not fine with the indefinite roommate or with being pressured to change your mind. Or with not having a serious talk about his not talking to you first.

Are you sure the friend even wants to be there? He asked for rental prospects and might have meant it. The fifth-wheel roommate in a home with a baby is not a tempting gig.

Dear Carolyn: My father is upset because my fiancé and I already made plans to spend an upcoming holiday with my fiancé's family. My father asked why I hadn't considered spending it with him. I truly didn't mean any harm or even think about it, since my fiancé's family asked us months ago.

I feel like I'm constantly disappointing my parents, who are divorced, because I'm now stuck in the middle of my parents and my fiancé's family as well. I feel like I can't make anyone happy.

— Stuck in the Middle

Stuck in the Middle: You can make you happy. You can be thoughtful. And prepared, and transparent.

When someone invites you and you want to say yes, then that's fine — but if you let that be your only guide, then the pre-planners will get all your time. That's not fair to other people, or to yourself.

So: Decide generally who you want to see, how often, and how often you want to do your own thing as a couple. (No compulsory attendance at everyone's family events.) Then block out a rough schedule as a couple so you know, when you're invited to something, whether you can feel good about saying yes. Preparation also allows you to say, "I know you're disappointed, Dad, but I'm doing my best to be fair." No further discussion.

This hard work is optional; it really is your time, your call, and they can all lump it. But you seem to want to stay close, which is admirable. With forethought, it's achievable, too.

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Washington's Lane Thomas smashed a hanging curveball from Jesse Scholtens 425 feet for a grand slam that put the host Nationals ahead 8-1 in the third inning.

Issues in the rear view

As D.C.'s football team exits its exile, imagine a unified sports scene


Barry Svrluga

Last month, a group of Washington Nationals boarded a bus to make the schlep to Ashburn. From experience, that's a lousy drive. The Nats, though, were excited — because a morning of Washington Commanders training camp awaited.

"Awesome," Manager Dave Martinez said.

"Oh, man," veteran starter Patrick Corbin said. "They have different shapes and sizes. So do we, but none of us really compare to some of those big guys there. They're just massive humans."

Thursday night, Josh Harris — currently enjoying the heck out of his honeymoon as the new Commanders owner — will throw out the first pitch at Nationals Park. Next month, when the Commanders host the Chicago Bears, the football team will honor the baseball team.

What's with the cross-pollination, which the teams are jointly billing as "Capital Crossover: Diamonds and Gridiron"?

"We're looking forward to developing a meaningful relationship with Josh and his team," Nationals owner Mark Lerner said in a statement when

SEE SVRLUGA ON D5

Nats' hitting funk ends emphatically as they take deciding game of series

NATIONALS 13, WHITE SOX 3

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

Plate appearances for the Washington Nationals on Wednesday afternoon looked something like a tape playing on a loop. It didn't matter who was pitching for the Chicago White Sox or which National was at bat — the line kept moving, the runs kept coming.

When the tape finished, the hosts had a 13-3 win at Nationals Park.

The win, in the decisive tilt of a three-game series, ended a stretch that saw the Nationals struggling at the plate, victims of what Dave Martinez believed was an over-aggressive approach that resulted in missed opportunities. They were pressing, the manager suggested.

But facing a parade of six White Sox pitchers, the Nationals showed patience, drawing seven walks while striking out just twice and posting 14 hits. Eight of the nine names in Martinez's starting lineup notched a hit and all 11 Nationals who had a plate appearance reached base.

"See, you talk about it enough and they do the right thing,"

SEE NATIONALS ON D5

Braves at Nationals | Today, 7 p.m., MASN

ANALYSIS

Commanders have reasons for optimism — and room to improve

BY NICKI JHABVALA

The Washington Commanders held a long snapper workout Tuesday in what Coach Ron Rivera called an "information gathering." Current snapper Camaron Cheeseman, whom the team is sticking with for now, botched some snaps in the preseason and another this past Sunday that cost the team points in a tight win over the Denver Broncos.

That long snapping is one of the team's most pressing concerns shows, perhaps, just how much has changed in recent months — for the better. New ownership, new quarterback, renewed fan interest (so far) and new hope.

"I'm telling you, it just feels different," left tackle Charles Leno said after the win in Denver. "I feel like this team, we're resilient, and we find ways to win. Doesn't matter what the score is, it doesn't matter what the situation is, it's all about the W."

Washington's defensive line menaced the Arizona Cardinals in Week 1 to spur a comeback win. Then the team overcame an 18-point second-quarter deficit to win at Denver in Week 2. Now, the Commanders sit 2-0 for the first time in 12 years and appear to be a team to watch, not one to write off.

"[We] put ourselves in a hole early on in the game, but this is a resilient team," quarterback Sam Howell said. "The thing I am proud of is that we had each other's backs on both sides of the ball. That is what good teams have to do to find a way to win."

There are multiple plays and sequences from the win over the Broncos that might validate the team's optimism — and several more that show the need for continued work. Let's break them down, starting with the good.

Howell's key throws

As Washington cycled through starting quarterbacks over the

SEE COMMANDERS ON D3

Bills at Commanders
Sunday, 1 p.m., WUSA-9



JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST
Terry McLaurin (17) and Brian Robinson Jr. combined for three touchdowns in the win over Denver.

With draw, D.C. inches along in playoff race

D.C. UNITED 1, ATLANTA 1

BY STEVEN GOFF

After all the squandered opportunities, the chances that went sailing into the night and the moments of pure disbelief that stretched from the field to the bench and into the goal-starved crowd at Audi Field, D.C. United walked away with another one-point performance Wednesday.

United (9-12-9) is crawling, not sprinting, toward an MLS playoff berth, barely above the postseason line as the regular season winds down.

With a 1-1 draw against Atlanta, combined with helpful results around the league, ninth-place United has a two-point lead over New York City FC for the Eastern Conference's last slot. Four other teams are within striking distance.

With four games left, D.C. can't afford many more slip-ups, especially at home.

"Frustrating. Disappointed," Coach Wayne Rooney said. "We are creating chances, but we have to be more clinical. I've been saying this the whole season."

Rooney, Manchester United's all-time leading scorer, then added, "Sometimes as a coach, you want to be out there yourself."

D.C. could have used his finishing touch. Just four of the 19 shots were on target. After United fell behind early, Brazilian playmaker Gabriel Pirani scored in the 80th minute, his first MLS goal.

"Of course, it's frustrating," Pirani said through an interpreter. "But on the field, there's no time to be frustrated. You just have to find

SEE UNITED ON D2

Red Bulls at D.C. United
Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Apple TV Plus

Sanders can change a culture. But will he?


Kevin B. Blackstone

As Colorado prepared to kick off to Colorado State to start what became a thrilling double-overtime college football game watched by an ESPN late-night record 9.3 million viewers last weekend, there was a ping-pong game in the Colorado team locker room, ostensibly overseen by its head coach, Deion Sanders. It featured legendary rapper Master P, founder of No Limit Records, against Offset, a member of the award-winning hip-hop group Migos.

Then Sanders had rapper Lil Wayne, whose gun conviction was pardoned by former president Donald Trump, lead the Buffaloes onto Folsom Field in Boulder with a performance of Wayne's classic "Ride for My N----s (Sky is the Limit)." Boulder is home to a little more than 100,000 residents, 89 percent of whom are White, 1 percent of

SEE BLACKSTONE ON D6

SOCCER
Manchester United's Premier League issues have followed it to Champions League. D2

ON THE NFL
Jared Goff's midcareer renaissance has been a boon to the Lions. The bill could be coming due. D3

HOCKEY
Caps open training camp today with a new coach, an old core and hopes for a return to the playoffs. D6

SOCCER ROUNDUP

Messi, laboring with apparent leg injury, pulled early in his return to Miami

INTER MIAMI 4, TORONTO FC 0

Associated Press

Lionel Messi returned to Inter Miami's lineup Wednesday. It was a short-lived comeback.

Messi was subbed off in the 37th minute of Inter Miami's 4-0 MLS victory over Toronto in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after spending a few minutes laboring with what appeared to be a leg issue. Messi, 36, had missed two recent matches, one for Argentina in World Cup qualifying and one MLS match.

Fatigue was cited in both cases.

Jordi Alba — another celebrated midseason addition for Miami — had to leave in the 34th minute.

Robert Taylor, who came on for Messi, had two goals and an assist. After the game, Inter Miami Coach Gerardo "Tata" Martino said Messi will miss Sunday's game at Orlando. . . .

Cucho Hernández scored three goals in the first 23 minutes — the second-fastest hat trick from the start in MLS history — and the host Columbus Crew clinched a playoff spot with a 3-0 victory over the Chicago Fire.

• **CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Bayern Munich struck twice in four minutes in the first half to beat embattled Manchester United, 4-3, and make a winning start in Group A.

Leroy Sané and Serge Gnabry scored early to put the hosts in control with United, which has lost its last three matches.

Also in Group A, Galatasaray scored in the 86th and 88th minutes to pull out a 2-2 draw with FC Copenhagen in Istanbul. . . .

In Group B, Arsenal scored three first-half goals and swept aside PSV Eindhoven, 4-0, at Emirates Stadium after a six-year absence from the competition. . . .

Spanish side Sevilla tied Lens, 1-1, in the group's other match. . . .

In Group D, Salzburg scored on a penalty, putting it on course for a surprise 2-0 win as host Benfica played more than 75 minutes with 10 players in Lisbon. . . .

In the group's other match, Lautaro Martínez scored in the 87th minute to help Inter Milan snatch a 1-1 draw at Real Sociedad in San Sebastian, Spain. . . .

In Group C, Jude Bellingham scored in stoppage time as host Real Madrid beat Union Berlin, 1-0. . . .

In the other Group C match, Napoli edged host Braga, 2-1, in Portugal after a late own goal.

Tumult continues in Spain

Most of Spain's World Cup-winning players ended their boycott of the women's national team early Wednesday, but only after the government intervened to help shape an agreement to make immediate changes at the country's beleaguered soccer federation.

The players reported to camp Tuesday after being picked by new coach Montse Tomé against their will the day before in the latest twist in the crisis that has engulfed Spanish soccer since the World Cup title match last month.

• **POLAND:** Michal Probierz took over as coach of Poland's men's national team in place of Euro 2016 winner Fernando Santos, who was fired last week.



CARMEN MANDATO/GETTY IMAGES

Lionel Messi was subbed off in the 37th minute of Inter Miami's shutout victory over Toronto with what appeared to be a leg issue.

United rallies for a draw but rues missed chances

UNITED FROM D1

those chances."

United is unbeaten in four straight but the past three have been draws. For practical purposes, Saturday's home game against the struggling New York Red Bulls is a must-win. Wednesday's draw dropped D.C.'s record at Audi Field to 5-4-6 for 21 of a possible 45 points, one of the worst home marks in the league.

Atlanta (12-8-10) went ahead in the 14th minute. Tyler Wolff pressured Chris Durkin, took the ball, then swung a cross over defender Donovan Pines. The connection with Saba Lobjanidze was exemplary, and the Georgian national team player stabbed a nine-yard volley.

The goal ended Alex Bono's shutout streak at 418 minutes, third longest in club history, and halted D.C.'s perfect run covering more than 3½ matches. Before and after the goal, Atlanta pierced United's defense without great resistance.

"The first 10, 15 minutes, we were poor," Rooney said.

The hosts created ample opportunity as well, but their finishing was woeful.

José Fajardo was the primary culprit. In the 32nd minute, on a free run on the right side, Fajardo could have crossed to forward Christian Benteke or lay the ball off for unmarked Pirani rushing the box. Instead, he blasted an angled shot well over the crossbar.

A minute later, Fajardo missed an open header from seven yards. And in stoppage time, his bid for the near side was far off the mark.

"I remember the last maybe six, seven, eight games we were playing without really creating chances," Benteke said. "Now we look like we're going to score. For us, it's important to have that feeling and then just to finish our chances."



TOMMY GILLIGAN/USA TODAY SPORTS

D.C. United striker Christian Benteke, right, couldn't get on the scoreboard against Juan José Purata and Atlanta at Audi Field.

Rooney stuck with Fajardo for 16 minutes of the second half before pulling him. A moment later, D.C. was awarded a penalty kick when Luis Abram blocked Pines's shot with his elbow. Video replay, however, showed D.C. was offside in the buildup.

Missed opportunities continued to mount. Then in the 80th minute, as Rooney was preparing to add two forwards, Mateusz Klich slipped the ball ahead to Pirani in tight space just inside the penalty area for a 17-yard shot into the lower left corner.

"The second half, we were excellent," Rooney said. "I thought we ran over them . . . and should have won the game."

United's hunt for another goal stretched through eight minutes of stoppage time without reward. Brazilian right back Ruan squandered a clear chance.

"I thought we were going to get the winner," Durkin said. "But it's kind of been the theme the past couple games. . . . It's been a bit frustrating, but at least we're still getting points on the board."

Here's what else to know about United's draw:

Birnbaum remains out

Center back Steven Birnbaum (hip) was held out for the second consecutive match but could return Saturday, Rooney said. Center back Derrick Williams (calf) is in a similar situation after missing three straight.

Rooney did not make any changes to the starting lineup or available subs following the 0-0 draw at Charlotte on Saturday.

Miller's surgery

Goalkeeper Tyler Miller (25 starts, six shutouts) underwent surgery Tuesday for a torn rotator cuff. The timetable for full recovery is about six months, which stretches into next season. He was hurt against Philadelphia on Aug. 26.

Pines contract talks

United is in talks with Pines about a new contract, people close to the situation said. He is in the fifth and final year of a deal worth $200,000 this season. Pines made his 19th start Wednesday and has scored three goals, equaling a career high.

Baltimore visitor

Baltimore Mayor Brandon M. Scott joined United chief executive Jason Levien in a field-level suite as talks continue between the city and team concerning a proposed stadium for a D.C. developmental squad. United and Montreal are the only MLS teams without entries in MLS Next Pro, a third-division incubator for prospects. Without it, competitive opportunities for those players have been limited.

With Biles leading the way, U.S. sets world gymnastics championships roster

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

Simone Biles had already narrowly clinched a spot on the U.S. team that will head to the world championships later this month, but the other gymnasts in contention had to wait another day. Shilese Jones, Skye Blakely, Joscelyn Roberson and Leanne Wong will join Biles on the five-member team competing in Antwerp, Belgium, USA Gymnastics announced Wednesday night.

The team will be heavily favored to win gold — especially with Russia, a gymnastics power, still banned from international competition because of the country's invasion of Ukraine — and the American women are also poised to collect an impressive medal haul from the individual events.

Biles committed several major mistakes during Tuesday's all-around competition at the selection event held at a gym in Katy, Tex., but she performed much better Wednesday with error-free routines on bars and beam. She will arrive in Belgium seeking a sixth all-around gold at the world championships.

"I feel like everybody was nervous [Tuesday] — not just me," Biles told reporters Wednesday. "And I don't know why. But it was just rough. So today was a lot better."

This group of U.S. gymnasts — featuring four athletes with world championships medals, along with a newcomer in Roberson — will contend for podium finishes on each apparatus. (Kayla DiCello, an alternate for the Tokyo Olympics, will also travel as an alternate.) The gymnasts earned their spots on the team after a two-day selection event that featured an all-around competition Tuesday and additional performances Wednesday on two apparatuses (bars and beam for almost everyone).

Jones, who won the all-around silver at last year's world championships, nearly climbed ahead of Biles on the first day of the selection event, when the top all-around finisher secured an automatic spot on the team. But Jones had a mistake on bars during her final routine and landed in second. She rebounded with an excellent showing Wednesday for a 14.750, the highest bars score during the two-day event. Jones's best all-around score this season, a 57.800 on the second day of nationals, is well short of Biles's highest (59.300) but should be enough to contend for an all-around medal.

Olympians Jordan Chiles and Jade Carey were not selected for the world championships team. Both experienced multiple falls during the trials, and gymnasts with more consistent showings throughout the season and this week were chosen instead. (The team for the Pan American Games was also selected Wednesday, and Chiles earned the opportunity to compete there.)

In addition to Biles and Jones, two other gymnasts on the five-member squad have experience at the world championships: Blakely won gold with the team in 2022; Wong, an alternate for the Tokyo Olympics, was also part of the U.S. team last year, and she has two individual medals (silver in the all-around and bronze on floor) from the 2021 world championships.

Blakely fell on bars Wednesday, but she entered the day as seemingly a near-lock for the team because of her recent performances. Blakely has consistently scored at least a 14.000 on vault, bars and beam — enough to be an asset to the team score on each apparatus — and she could advance to the finals at worlds on bars and beam. Even with a low floor score during Tuesday's all-around competition, Blakely tallied a 55.000 — not far off the scores of Biles (55.700) and Jones (55.300).

Wong, a junior at Florida who continues to train with her college coaches through the elite season, built upon her strong showing at nationals by hitting all her routines during the trials. Wong provides the team a steady option on each apparatus.

In a team final, the United States will rely on three gymnasts per apparatus, so identifying the top three finishers on each is often the starting point for determining the group with the highest scoring potential. Wong doesn't fit as well into those calculations. Other gymnasts — Zoe Miller with a strong bars score or Kaliya Lincoln with an excellent floor routine — could provide a bigger scoring boost than Wong. But Miller and Lincoln offer less on the other apparatuses, and Wong's ability to contribute anywhere holds value.

Roberson earned a spot on the team after a breakout season. The 17-year-old from Texas began training at World Champions Centre, the club owned by Biles's family, a year ago, and she has improved significantly since then. Roberson placed just 18th at nationals in 2022 but rose to seventh this year, then fourth in the all-around at the selection event.

Roberson performs two different vaults — a requirement to win a medal on the apparatus — and she could earn a place alongside Biles on the podium at the world championships. She has also scored as high as 14.150 on floor this season and has the potential to advance to the final.

DIGEST

HOCKEY

Marchand will wear captain's 'C' for Bruins

The Boston Bruins named **Brad Marchand** captain on Wednesday, putting the "C" previously worn by the soft-spoken and universally revered **Patrice Bergeron** on the sweater of a notorious instigator who — the team insists — has moved on from his face-licking phase and matured into one of the most respected voices in their locker room.

"It means more to me than I think anyone will ever know to be able to wear a 'C' for this team," the 35-year-old Marchand said. "It almost felt surreal to see the jersey. . . . As a 23-year-old, if I would have told myself I would be captain some day, I definitely would not have bet a penny on that."

The Bruins made the announcement at the start of training camp, as they begin their effort to build on the 2022-23 regular season that was the best in NHL history — and to forget about what happened in the playoffs, when they were eliminated in the first round. . . .

Tampa Bay Lightning captain **Steven Stamkos** said he is disappointed about the lack of discussions with the team about a new contract.

Stamkos's current eight-year, $68 million deal ends after the upcoming season, and he said there have not been any conversations about an extension.

"To be honest, I'm disappointed in the lack of talk in that regard," Stamkos said as Lightning players reported for the start of training camp. "It was something that I expressed at the end of last year that I wanted to get something done before training camp started."

Tampa Bay, which won consecutive Stanley Cups in 2020 and '21 and lost in the final in '22, has dealt with salary cap issues for a few years. The Lightning lost in the first round last season to Toronto.

General Manager **Julien BriseBois** indicated there won't be any talks until after the season.

TENNIS

An online auction that started Wednesday is offering a **Roger Federer** outfit from his winning run at the 2018 Australian Open. That was his 20th and final Grand Slam title.

The Nike-made outfit is "expected to achieve up to $35,000," Prestige Memorabilia said. Both the shorts and shirt are signed by the Swiss great, who retired one year ago. Bidding closes Oct. 8.

Top-seeded **Magda Linette** advanced to the quarterfinals of the Guangzhou Open by beating **Daria Saville**, 6-0, 7-6 (8-6), and the men's tour commenced its Asia swing with the Zhuhai Championships and Chengdu Open starting in Guangzhou, China.

Linette will next meet fifth-seeded **Rebekah Masarova** in the quarterfinals. The Spaniard beat **Viktorija Golubic**, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (9-7).

In the men's tournament, **Yoshihito Nishioka** won his first-round match at the Zhuhai Championships against **Terence Atmane**, 0-6, 6-4, 6-2. The eighth-seeded Nishioka will next play **Lloyd Harris**, who beat **Jiri Vesely**, 6-4, 6-2.

MISC.

Phil Sellers, who led Rutgers to the school's only Final Four appearance and remains the Scarlet Knights' career leader in points and rebounds after a career that spanned from 1972 to 1976, has died, the school announced. He was 69.

Rutgers said in a statement Wednesday that Sellers died Tuesday night but did not provide details. The 6-foot-4 guard earned second-team all-American honors as a senior in 1975-76 for the team that reached the national semifinals. He played one season in the NBA, averaging 4.5 points for the Detroit Pistons in 1976-77. . . .

McLaren signed **Oscar Piastri** to a multiyear contract extension just 15 races into his rookie season.

Piastri has a season-best finish of fourth and with 42 points scored is ranked 11th in the Formula One standings. He signed with McLaren last year after turning down a promotion with Alpine that led to a contractual fight over the 22-year-old Australian.

A review board ruled that McLaren held a valid contract for Piastri, who has raced alongside **Lando Norris** this season. With the Piastri extension announced Wednesday, McLaren now has both drivers signed through at least 2025. . . .

Boston College said its men's and women's swimming and diving program has been placed on indefinite suspension after university administrators determined hazing had taken place within the program.

The school went on to release a one-paragraph statement and didn't provide any further information. . . .

New York, along with venues in the Dallas and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., areas will host matches at next year's men's T20 World Cup, the governing body of cricket announced.

The United States will be staging a global cricket event for the first time as the sport looks to expand into new territory and get Olympic status for the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Games. The country will co-host the June 4-30 tournament with the West Indies.

— From news services

TELEVISION AND RADIO

NFL

8:15 p.m.	**New York Giants at San Francisco** » Prime Video

MLB

1 p.m.	**Milwaukee at St. Louis** » MLB Network
7 p.m.	**Atlanta at Washington** » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM)
7:15 p.m.	**Baltimore at Cleveland** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45), WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
10 p.m.	**San Francisco at Los Angeles Dodgers** » MLB Network

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m.	**Georgia State at Coastal Carolina** » ESPN
7:30 p.m.	**Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Alabama A&M** » ESPNU

AUTO RACING

10:30 p.m.	**Formula One: Japanese Grand Prix, practice** » ESPN2
2 a.m. (Friday)	**Formula One: Japanese Grand Prix, practice** » » ESPN2

GOLF

7:30 a.m.	**DP World Tour: French Open, first round** » Golf Channel
3 p.m.	**Korn Ferry Tour: Children's Hospital Championship, first round** » Golf Channel
2 a.m. (Friday)	**Solheim Cup, Day 1** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

10:45 a.m.	**Saudi Pro League: Al Hilal at Dhamk** » Fox Sports 2
7:30 p.m.	**Women's friendly: United States vs. South Africa** » TNT
10 p.m.	**NWSL: Orlando Pride at Angel City** » CBS Sports Network

TENNIS

6 a.m.	**WTA: Guangzhou International Women's Open, quarterfinals; ATP: Zhuhai Championship and Chengdu Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel
3 p.m.	**WTA: Guadalajara Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel
1 a.m. (Friday)	**WTA: Guangzhou International Women's Open, semifinals; ATP: Zhuhai Championship and Chengdu Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

MEN'S BASKETBALL

7 a.m.	**FIBA Intercontinental, Group B: G League Ignite vs. Ah Ahly** » NBA TV
3 a.m. (Friday)	**FIBA Intercontinental, Group A: Franca vs. Ah Ahly** » NBA TV

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

6 p.m.	**Clemson at Miami** » ACC Network
6 p.m.	**Nebraska at Ohio State** » Big Ten Network
7 p.m.	**Mississippi at Vanderbilt** » SEC Network
8 p.m.	**Pittsburgh at Louisville** » ACC Network
8 p.m.	**Indiana at Illinois** » Big Ten Network

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

7 p.m.	**Minnesota at Iowa** » Fox Sports 1

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

7 p.m.	**Chaminade Madonna (Fla.) at Miami Central (Fla.)** » ESPN2

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

The Lions will soon be faced with deciding just how much Goff is worth to them

On the NFL
JASON LA CANFORA

A cynic, or someone unaware of Jared Goff's midcareer renaissance, might look at his ugly pick-six Sunday as the reason the Detroit Lions lost at home to the underdog Seattle Seahawks.

Others would note that it was actually the first interception Goff has thrown in nearly 400 passes dating back to last season, and point out that the Lions' rebirth is very much of his making, with Goff arguably the most impactful player in uniform at Ford Field on Sunday. And had the Lions' defense been able to hold Seattle to a field goal in overtime, there was every reason to believe the 28-year-old Goff would have eventually won it himself. Because while Goff's errant fourth-quarter pass behind rookie running back Jahmyr Gibbs — coming right after the Seahawks had scored a go-ahead touchdown — put his team down 10 with slightly more than eight minutes to play, what he did after that epitomizes the paradox the Lions face moving forward.

Goff, the NFL's sixth-highest rated quarterback since the start of the 2022 season with the league's best touchdown-to-interception ratio in that span (4.1, more than twice the NFL average, with Jalen Hurts next at 3.4), was masterful in getting that game to overtime. He immediately orchestrated a 75-yard touchdown drive after his mistake, and completed 8 of 10 passes for 86 yards on his final two possessions. He finished the game a sterling 28 of 35 for 323 yards with three touchdowns, the huge interception (ending a streak of 383 attempts without one) and a rating of 121.8.

It is perhaps fitting that he joins Matthew Stafford — the Rams' quarterback for whom he was "traded" in 2021 (Goff's inclusion was viewed by rival teams as essentially a contract dump at the time) — and Kirk Cousins, who several executives see as a potential Goff salary comparison, as the only men to throw for at least 250 yards in each of the first two weeks of what has been an ugly start for NFL passers. While we can debate how transcendent he is, whether he's merely a "system guy," and whether the Lions should have already extended him during an offseason of soaring quarterback contracts, all can agree that Goff has greatly outperformed what is remaining on his contract, casting an intriguing backdrop to a Lions season that is already far more interesting than the two dozen or so preceding it.

"I keep hearing they really want to get something done with him," said one general manager, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he is restricted from discussing players on other rosters. "They want to keep building around him. I know he's played well for them, but I don't think I could pay what it's going to take to get that done. That's a tricky one. How good is he? It's like Cousins, right? He's going to put up a lot of numbers and you'll win enough in the regular season, but can you win a Super Bowl with him?"

One longtime NFL executive who negotiates contracts and is under similar restraints said: "With where quarterback salaries are now, I wouldn't do it. I'd have already drafted one or be looking to draft one. It's getting too expensive to keep these kind of guys now." (This executive's team has a quarterback on a rookie salary.)

A contract negotiator for another NFL team that has a quarterback on a rookie deal, said: "That one's not for me. I'm biased because I've never thought much of Goff. No thanks."

Of course, that's easy for them to say. It's not their problem, with Goff now standing just 16th among quarterbacks in average salary ($33.5 million), 16th in 2023 total compensation ($21.65 million), and, you guessed it, right in the middle of the pack in cash owed in 2024. This after Joe Burrow pushed the stratosphere to $55 million a season, and Patrick Mahomes got a restructured deal with more than $210 million guaranteed over the next four years. So, what is Goff really worth?

"Good question," said someone who has been involved in negotiating quarterback contracts for decades. (This person spoke on the condition of anonymity because he does not represent Goff.) "If top of the market is now $52-$55 [million per season], I'd say mid-to high 40s."

The GM said: "As much as I wouldn't want to pay him, the agent has to ask for $45 [million], right? You have to be prepared to pay that number if you go into this with them, I think. And, like I said, I hear [the Lions] want to get this done."



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

The Lions' Jared Goff, 28, is the NFL's sixth-highest rated quarterback since the start of 2022 season.

Indeed, Goff's value is difficult to quantify.

Rams Coach Sean McVay, of all people, handpicked him first overall in 2016 and quickly reached a Super Bowl with him before the Rams paid him more than many thought they had to (a four-year, $134 million deal with steep cap ramifications). McVay's Rams ate much of that to ship him out and upgrade to Stafford, who made more than $200 million in Detroit without a playoff win and immediately delivered a Lombardi Trophy to La-La Land.

Goff lacks the mobility and athleticism so prized in top quarterbacks these days. He was seen as a franchise albatross not that long ago and has a muted persona — he won't be lifting your Q ratings with national commercials or fiery speeches and antics. He arrived in Detroit with Coach Dan Campbell before the 2021 season with the franchise again in the dumpster, quietly took his lumps and absorbed a bevy of huge hits in that 3-13-1 campaign. Last year, he joined Stafford (four times) and Charlie Batch as the only quarterbacks to have a winning season in Detroit since 2000.

Since the Lions assembled what is now considered a top offensive line before last season, Goff has been excellent. Through two games in 2023, he is third in the NFL in passer rating (109.0), and already beat the reigning champs in Kansas City in Week 1. His 33 touchdown passes since the start of 2022 rank fifth and he is fourth with 5,014 passing yards (though his air yards/attempt are below the NFL average). And Goff has been a perfect fit for his environment, which features young coordinator Ben Johnson's dynamic offense — built on multiplicity in the run game and play-action efficiency — and Ford Field's controlled climate and fast track, which encourages precision short passing to maximize yards after the catch.

Goff leads the NFL with a 124.8 rating on play action passes since Week 1 of 2022. He is also the NFL's leader in passer rating at home in that span (110.8). The young Lions tend to be stuck in close games, and Goff is among the top-rated quarterbacks in the fourth quarter since 2022 (100.1; 86.4 is average). While Johnson's probing run game sometimes bogs down inside the red zone as the field shrinks, Goff's 24-1 TD-INT ratio in the red zone since the start of last season is also among the best in the league.

Consider also that the Lions have one proven impact pass catcher on the roster in Amon-Ra St. Brown, with 2022 top pick Jameson Williams limited to six total games because of injury and a gambling suspension. And recall they dealt Pro Bowl tight end T.J. Hockenson, now the league's highest-paid player at his position, to the rival Vikings at midseason, just as the offense was starting to evolve.

"They should have just paid Hockenson, that was stupid," the GM said. "He should be Goff's favorite target right now. That was the time to start spending money, not trading high-end starters on their rookie deals."

Again, this is complicated to quantify, especially with how Stafford prospered when the Lions finally opted to let him go, and how bleak Detroit's history has been. Goff is four years younger than Geno Smith, who got a decent bridge deal from Seattle this offseason but lacks Goff's draft stature and postseason pedigree. He is seven years younger than Cousins, who has repeatedly parlayed short-term deals into premium compensation and lines up as the prize of the 2024 quarterback free agent class. Teams are generally reluctant to let quality starters get to their "walk year," and the price of quarterbacks is always going up.

Merely reaching the playoffs might feel like a Super Bowl to the Lions, but that's not the stuff that title chases are made of. A Goff extension is the kind of first-world quarterback quandary this franchise has rarely faced, and it will be the first substantial test for a new front office.

ANALYSIS

Optimistic Commanders still see room to improve

COMMANDERS FROM D1

past few years, its coaching staff knew it needed a player with sharp decision-making skills, a strong arm, accuracy and, ideally, mobility. Howell has started all of three games, so declaring him the solution to the Commanders' quarterback problem would be premature. But so far he's shown much of what Washington has been missing in recent years.

It starts with his arm, which allows him to make the big throws (and short ones) with pinpoint accuracy. Take his four-yard touchdown pass to tight end Logan Thomas. Howell led Thomas with his throw up the middle, and Thomas held on to the ball even after Broncos safety Kareem Jackson clobbered him with a helmet-to-helmet hit.

And then there was Howell's 35-yard completion to tight end John Bates on third down in the final seconds of the first half. Howell took a five-step drop from the shotgun, stepped up in the pocket and launched a bullet along the right sideline, timing his throw with Bates's route and keeping the ball out of reach of defenders. The completion helped set up Joey Slye's 49-yard field goal.

Later in the game, Howell threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Terry McLaurin. He placed the ball high and in front of McLaurin so the receiver could high-point the ball as two defenders converged around him.

"The touchdown he threw to Logan was as good as it could be, the touchdown throw he threw to Terry was as good as it could be," Rivera said. "Now he's anticipating, he's throwing people to the ball. In terms of the one he threw to Terry, you could almost say he helped throw Terry open into the area that he needed to be."

Gibson's catch-and-run

This play had it all: Washington's new-and-improved screen game, good protection up front and the use of Antonio Gibson in space.

"The defensive ends were playing a lot into the tackles, so all game we were like, 'Be prepared for the screen, be prepared for the screen,' " Gibson said. "And it finally got called, so I just was patient on it. [The end] shot into the tackle, I caught the ball, and after that, it was free running. . . . I tried to hit the burners."

Gibson collected 36 yards on the play, but, according to Next Gen Stats, his zigzagging run really included 42 yards after the catch, setting up Brian Robinson Jr.'s go-ahead two-yard touchdown two plays later.

Washington touted its offensive dynamism last year, too, but it often failed to capitalize on players' skill sets. Coordinator Eric Bieniemy's use of screens with Robinson and Gibson opened up the offense in Denver.

"E.B.'s always telling them, 'At least give me four yards,' and they got more than that," McLaurin said. "I'm proud of them. It seems like they really complemented each other, which is something we're going to need down the line. . . . Our offense is really dangerous when we can have enough time to push the ball down the field with the playmakers we have."

Payne's three-and-out

Washington is loaded with talent on its defensive line, but Payne is playing at an all-pro level. At the start of the second half against the Broncos, he took over, registering a sack, a tackle for loss and a batted pass on consecutive plays to force a three-and-out.

The rest of the group seemed to feed off his series as the defense turned around a disastrous start to the game.

Which leads to the not-so-good.

The defense's opening series

All three phases struggled early on against Denver. The Broncos gashed Washington's defense, repeatedly attacking the edges of the line to pick up rushing yards and extra yards after catches.

On the first drive, Denver running back Javonte Williams took a pitch 15 yards for a first down. Three plays later, quarterback Russell Wilson tucked the ball and ran for 14 yards and another first down.

Running back Jaleel McLaughlin was in the end zone shortly after for a five-yard touchdown.

Washington pulled it together in the second half, but its leaky run defense will be a liability if it's not fixed soon. The Commanders' next two opponents, the Buffalo Bills and Philadelphia Eagles, rank seventh and second, respectively, in rushing yards per game.

Protection issues

On offense, Washington had protection issues and struggled to get much of anything out of the run game for the first quarter-and-a-half. Not all of that falls on the line, but there were moments when the protection needed improvement, like when Broncos linebacker Nik Bonitto beat Leno on a speed rush in the second quarter.

Howell ensuring he doesn't hold on to the ball too long will only help his teammates up front.

"The biggest difference offensively was just not shooting ourselves in the foot, starting with me," Leno said. ". . . I felt like we were taking two steps forward and taking three steps back. . . . Once we eliminate those plays, you see what we can do with the ball down the field and score quick points."

Leno has plenty of proof to back up his claim. Howell has had clean pockets on some of his biggest throws, and the improved play up front helped to jump-start the run game.

The botched long snap

The Commanders' long snapping problems were evident in training camp and the preseason, but the hope then was they would be corrected by the start of the season. At the time, punter/holder Tress Way said Cheeseman had adjusted his grip so that his snaps would be tighter spirals. But the operation is still shaky at times.

Against the Broncos, Cheeseman's snap on a 49-yard field goal attempt on Washington's opening drive skidded, and Slye's kick sailed wide right.

"The last thing you want is to have it cost you a point or two or three," Rivera said Monday. "That could be the difference in a football game."



JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST

Antonio Gibson's 36-yard catch-and-run helped set up a touchdown two plays later that gave the Commanders a lead over the Broncos.

NFL NOTES

Rams trade Akers to Vikings, ending his tumultuous tenure in Los Angeles

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Running back Cam Akers was traded Wednesday to the Minnesota Vikings, days after the Los Angeles Rams made him a healthy scratch for their game against the San Francisco 49ers.

The trade ends Akers's up-and-down relationship with Rams Coach Sean McVay and reunites the back with Vikings Coach Kevin O'Connell, who was his offensive coordinator for two seasons in Los Angeles.

Minnesota is sending a conditional sixth-round pick in the 2026 draft to Los Angeles for Akers and a conditional 2026 seventh-rounder, the Vikings said in a news release. The fourth-year player, selected by the Rams in the second round of the 2020 draft, must pass a physical for the trade to be completed.

Akers joins a Minnesota team that ranks last in the NFL with 69 rushing yards through two games, both losses.

— Des Bieler

• **MISC.:** A fan who died after an altercation at Sunday night's New England Patriots game did not suffer a "traumatic injury," though findings from a preliminary autopsy revealed the man to have an unspecified "medical issue," according to the Norfolk County (Mass.) district attorney's office.

"Our investigation has included numerous law enforcement interviews and the examination of multiple angles of video capturing the scuffle prior to Mr. Dale Mooney's collapse during the Sunday night game at Gillette Stadium," the district attorney's office said in a statement. "Preliminary autopsy results did not suggest traumatic injury, but did identify a medical issue."

Mooney was described by a witness as involved in an altercation shortly before his death, which followed the Miami Dolphins' win over the Patriots in Foxborough, Mass. His cause and manner of death remain undetermined.

— Des Bieler and Glynn A. Hill

• **BEARS:** Chicago defensive coordinator Alan Williams resigned, saying he needs to tend to himself and his family.

Williams's resignation came just two games into his second season with the Bears. He missed last week's loss at Tampa Bay for what the team said were personal reasons after working the opener against Green Bay.

Coach Matt Eberflus called the defense in Williams's absence and figures to do so again when the Bears (0-2) visit the Kansas City Chiefs (1-1) on Sunday.

• **RAIDERS:** Las Vegas placed defensive end Chandler Jones on the reserve/non-football illness list, meaning he will miss at least the next four games.

Jones criticized owner Mark Davis, Coach Josh McDaniels and General Manager Dave Ziegler in a series of social media posts, which he has since taken down. Jones also posted that the Raiders sent a mental health representative to his home.

• **SAINTS:** Safety Marcus Maye was suspended without pay for three games for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

Maye's punishment stems from his 2021 arrest in Florida on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol after his involvement in a car accident in Fort Lauderdale. After initially pleading not guilty, Maye last month agreed to a no-contest plea and six months' probation.

• **LIONS:** Detroit placed defensive back C.J. Gardner-Johnson and defensive end James Houston on injured reserve.

Gardner-Johnson's torn pectoral muscle and Houston's broken ankle will potentially keep them out for the season, Coach Dan Campbell said.

• **PANTHERS:** Carolina quarterback Bryce Young did not participate in Wednesday's walk-through practice because of an ankle injury, creating the possibility of veteran Andy Dalton starting Sunday against Seattle.

• **SEAHAWKS:** Seattle may be without starting cornerback Riq Woolen for Sunday's game against Carolina as he deals with a chest injury.

— Associated Press

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
yx-Atlanta	97	55	.638	—	4-6	L-1
Philadelphia	83	69	.546	14	5-5	W-1
Miami	79	74	.516	18½	5-5	L-1
New York	71	81	.467	26	6-4	W-1
Washington	68	85	.444	29½	4-6	W-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	86	66	.566	—	7-3	W-2
Chicago	79	73	.520	7	3-7	L-1
Cincinnati	79	75	.513	8	6-4	L-2
Pittsburgh	71	81	.467	15	5-5	W-1
St. Louis	67	85	.441	19	4-6	L-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
yx-Los Angeles	93	57	.620	—	7-3	W-5
Arizona	81	72	.529	13½	6-4	W-5
San Francisco	76	76	.500	18	4-6	L-2
San Diego	75	78	.490	19½	8-2	W-7
Colorado	56	96	.368	38	5-5	L-4

x-Late game; y-Clinched playoff berth

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
z-Baltimore	95	57	.625	—	5-5	L-1
z-Tampa Bay	93	60	.608	2½	6-4	L-1
Toronto	85	67	.559	10	6-4	W-5
New York	76	76	.500	19	6-4	L-3
Boston	75	78	.490	20½	2-8	L-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	81	72	.529	—	6-4	W-2
Cleveland	72	81	.471	9	4-6	L-3
x-Detroit	70	81	.464	10	6-4	L-2
Chicago	58	95	.379	23	3-7	L-2
Kansas City	51	102	.333	30	7-3	W-3

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Houston	85	68	.556	—	4-6	W-1
Seattle	84	68	.553	½	5-5	W-3
Texas	84	68	.553	½	6-4	W-2
Los Angeles	69	83	.454	15½	4-6	W-1
Oakland	46	106	.303	38½	2-8	L-7

x-Late game; y-Clinched playoff berth

Nationals 13, White Sox 3

CHICAGO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.252
Remillard ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Benintendi lf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.263
Robert Jr. cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Thompson cf	1	1	0	0	2	1	.182
Jiménez dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	.271
Moncada 3b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.260
Vaughn 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.260
Sheets rf	3	0	0	2	0	0	.207
Sosa 2b	2	0	0	0	2	0	.188
Pérez c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.243
TOTALS	33	3	6	3	5	5	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Abrams ss	3	2	2	2	2	0	.247
Kieboom 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.221
Thomas rf	2	2	1	4	2	0	.271
Call rf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.196
Meneses dh	6	1	3	2	0	0	.281
Ruiz c	5	0	1	0	0	2	.251
Smith 1b	5	1	1	1	0	0	.257
L.García 2b	4	4	3	0	1	0	.257
Vargas 3b-ss	5	1	1	1	0	0	.251
Alu lf	3	1	0	1	1	0	.216
Young cf	5	1	1	1	0	0	.247
TOTALS	39	13	14	12	7	2	—

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E: Anderson (14), Moncada (6), L.García (7). **LOB:** Chicago 9, Washington 11. **2B:** Vaughn (29), Pérez (4), Abrams 2 (25), L.García 2 (15), Ruiz (21). **HR:** Thomas (26), off Scholtens; Smith (11), off Scholtens; Meneses (13), off D.García. **RBI:** Sheets 2 (42), Vaughn (77), Vargas (30), Abrams 2 (59), Thomas 4 (84), Smith (44), Alu (13), Meneses 2 (86), Young (6). **SB:** Alu (5). **CS:** Thomas (4). **SF:** Sheets.

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kopech	1	1	1	0	0	1	14	5.43
Banks	⅓	3	3	2	0	0	17	4.76
Scholtens	2	6	6	6	2	1	55	5.29
D.García	1⅔	2	2	2	1	0	30	6.23
Patiño	2	0	0	0	2	0	25	2.77
Ramsey	1	2	1	1	2	0	23	4.82

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gray	5	5	1	1	3	4	91	4.00
Ferrer	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.66
Machado	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	4.87
Ward	2	1	2	1	2	1	33	6.75

WP: Gray (8-12); **LP:** Banks (0-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Scholtens 1-0, D.García 1-1. **HBP:** Kopech (Thomas), Scholtens (Alu). **WP:** Ramsey, Gray. **T:** 2:47. **A:** 23,275 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

NATIONALS FIRST
CJ Abrams doubles to deep left field. Lane Thomas hit by pitch. **Joey Meneses reaches on a fielder's choice to shallow infield, advances to 2nd. CJ Abrams scores.** Fielding error by Tim Anderson. Keibert Ruiz strikes out swinging. Dominic Smith flies out to deep left field to Andrew Benintendi.
Nationals 1, White Sox 0
WHITE SOX SECOND
Eloy Jimenez grounds out to shortstop, CJ Abrams to Dominic Smith. Yoan Moncada walks. Andrew Vaughn doubles to deep left field. Yoan Moncada to third. **Gavin Sheets out on a sacrifice fly to right field to Lane Thomas. Yoan Moncada scores**. Lenyn Sosa flies out to deep right field to Lane Thomas.
White Sox 1, Nationals 1
NATIONALS SECOND
Luis Garcia doubles to left field. **Ildemaro Vargas singles to center field. Luis Garcia scores.** Jake Alu flies out to left field to Andrew Benintendi. Jacob Young reaches on a fielder's choice to third base. Ildemaro Vargas to third. Fielding error by Yoan Moncada**. CJ Abrams doubles to left center field. Jacob Young scores. Ildemaro Vargas scores.** Lane Thomas walks. Joey Meneses singles to center field. Lane Thomas to second. CJ Abrams to third. Keibert Ruiz strikes out swinging. Dominic Smith flies out to center field to Luis Robert Jr..
Nationals 4, White sox 1
NATIONALS THIRD
Luis Garcia singles to right field. Ildemaro Vargas grounds out to shallow infield, Jesse Scholtens to Andrew Vaughn. Luis Garcia to second. Jake Alu hit by pitch. Jacob Young flies out to deep center field to Luis Robert Jr.. Luis Garcia to third. CJ Abrams walks. **Lane Thomas homers to left field. CJ Abrams scores. Jake Alu scores. Luis Garcia scores.** Joey Meneses singles to right field. Keibert Ruiz flies out to center field to Luis Robert Jr..
Nationals 8, White Sox 1
NATIONALS FOURTH
Dominic Smith homers to center field. Luis Garcia doubles to deep center field. Ildemaro Vargas grounds out to second base, Lenyn Sosa to Andrew Vaughn. Luis Garcia to third. **Jake Alu grounds out to shortstop, Tim Anderson to Andrew Vaughn. Luis Garcia scores**. Jacob Young grounds out to shortstop, Tim Anderson to Andrew Vaughn.
Nationals 10, White Sox 1
NATIONALS FIFTH
CJ Abrams lines out to shortstop to Tim Anderson. Lane Thomas walks. **Joey Meneses homers to left field. Lane Thomas scores.** Keibert Ruiz doubles to deep right field. Dominic Smith grounds out to first base to Andrew Vaughn. Keibert Ruiz to third. Luis Garcia grounds out to second base, Lenyn Sosa to Andrew Vaughn.
Nationals 12, White Sox 1
WHITE SOX EIGHTH
Trayce Thompson walks. Eloy Jimenez singles to shallow infield. Trayce Thompson to second. Yoan Moncada reaches on a fielder's choice to shortstop. Eloy Jimenez to second. Trayce Thompson to third. Fielding error by Luis Garcia. **Andrew Vaughn reaches on a fielder's choice to second base. Yoan Moncada out at second. Eloy Jimenez to third. Trayce Thompson scores**. **Gavin Sheets reaches on a fielder's choice to second base. Andrew Vaughn out at second. Eloy Jimenez scores**. Lenyn Sosa walks. Gavin Sheets to second. Carlos Perez reaches on a fielder's choice to shortstop. Lenyn Sosa out at second.
Nationals 12, White Sox 3
NATIONALS EIGHTH
Luis Garcia walks. Ildemaro Vargas grounds out to second base, Lenyn Sosa to Andrew Vaughn. Luis Garcia to second. Jake Alu grounds out to first base to Andrew Vaughn. Luis Garcia to third. **Jacob Young singles to right center field. Luis Garcia scores.** Carter Kieboom singles to left field. Jacob Young to second. Alex Call walks. Joey Meneses grounds out to second base, Lenyn Sosa to Andrew Vaughn.
Nationals 13, White Sox 3

NL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Philadelphia	83	69	.546	+4
Arizona	81	72	.529	+1½
Chicago	79	73	.520	—
Miami	79	74	.516	½
Cincinnati	79	75	.513	1
San Francisco	76	76	.500	3

AL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Tampa Bay	93	60	.608	+8½
Toronto	85	67	.559	+1
Seattle	84	68	.553	—
Texas	84	68	.553	—

Royals 6, Guardians 2

Nelson Velázquez continued a late-season tear for Kansas City with a three-run homer, Angel Zerpa shut down Cleveland in relief of Zack Greinke and the Royals rolled to a victory for a three-game sweep.

Velázquez has 12 homers in 33 games since arriving in Kansas City.

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Brennan lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.266
Ramírez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.277
J.Naylor dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.311
Calhoun 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.232
Laureano rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.252
Giménez 2b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.249
Straw cf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.227
Tena ss	2	0	1	0	0	1	.217
Freeman ph-ss	2	0	1	0	0	1	.244
Gallagher c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.132
Fry ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.229
TOTALS	34	2	8	2	0	9	—

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Garcia 3b	5	1	1	0	0	3	.275
Witt Jr. ss	5	2	2	1	0	0	.278
Melendez dh	2	1	0	0	3	0	.234
Velázquez rf	5	1	1	3	0	2	.245
Olivares lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.264
Blanco lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Massey 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.225
Loftin 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.372
Pratto 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Waters cf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.237
Porter c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.250
TOTALS	35	6	10	5	5	9	—

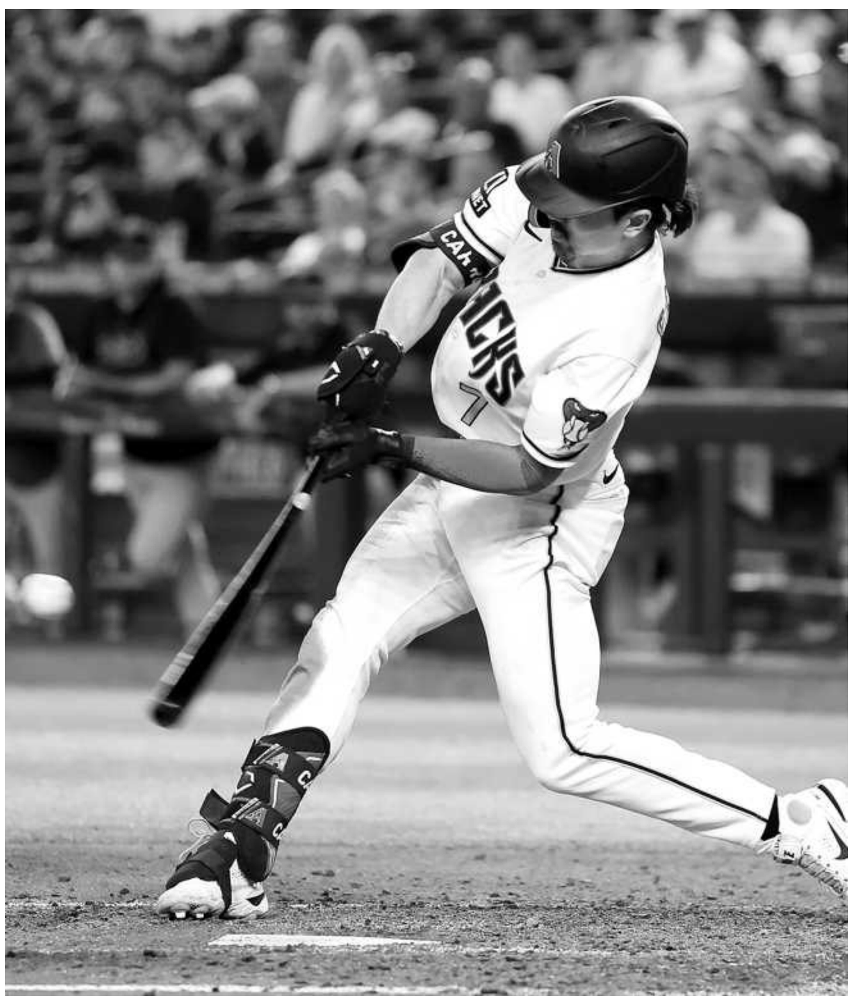
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E: Brennan (3), Tena (3), Freeman (3). **LOB:** Cleveland 6, Kansas City 10. **2B:** Tena (2), J.Naylor (29), Freeman (7), Straw (17), Waters (10), Witt Jr. (28). **HR:** Velázquez (12), off Giolito.

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Giolito	5⅓	7	4	3	3	6	5.64
Karinchak	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	3.28
Kelly	1	2	1	1	1	0	4.30
De Los Santos	1	1	1	0	0	2	3.36

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greinke	3⅔	5	2	2	0	5	5.37
Zerpa	5⅓	3	0	0	0	4	4.82

WP: Zerpa (3-3); **LP:** Giolito (1-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Karinchak 1-0, Zerpa 1-0. **WP:** Giolito, Kelly. **T:** 2:40. **A:** 12,162 (38,427).



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Rousing rookie

Arizona's Corbin Carroll became the first rookie in MLB history with 25 home runs and 50 steals in a season Wednesday in a 7-1 win over the visiting Giants.

Rangers 15, Red Sox 5

Marcus Semien drove in three runs and scored for the AL-best 115th time and Jonah Heim and Mitch Garver hit back-to-back homers as playoff-chasing Texas hammered Boston.

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Rafaela ss	5	0	2	1	0	1	.305
Devers 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.275
Wong 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Turner dh	1	1	0	0	2	0	.280
Refsnyder ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	0	.249
Verdugo rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.268
Duvall cf	4	1	2	3	0	2	.250
Yoshida lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.285
Dalbec 1b	4	1	2	1	0	2	.308
McGuire c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.270
Urías 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.225
Reyes 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.293
TOTALS	36	5	11	5	2	10	—

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	3	1	2	3	2	0	.279
Duran 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.277
Seager ss	5	1	1	1	0	0	.331
J.Smith ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.183
Lowe 1b	6	1	1	0	0	2	.273
Jung 3b	5	3	3	2	0	2	.277
García rf	4	1	1	1	1	1	.243
Hedges c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Heim c	3	2	1	3	1	1	.262
Jankowski ph-rf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.263
Garver dh	3	2	1	1	1	1	.268
Taveras cf	3	2	2	2	1	0	.272
Carter lf	4	2	3	2	0	0	.314
Grossman ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.241
TOTALS	38	15	16	15	7	7	—

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E: Devers (18). **LOB:** Boston 6, Texas 9. **2B:** Carter (2), García (27), Seager (42), Semien (38). **HR:** Duvall (20), off Gray; Dalbec (1), off Gray; Heim (18), off Bello; Garver (18), off Bello; Jung (23), off Robertson; Carter (2), off Schreiber.

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bello	3	8	8	8	4	2	4.11
Robertson	2	5	5	4	1	2	6.55
Schreiber	1	2	2	2	1	1	4.12
Weiss	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.08
Bernardino	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.35

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray	2⅓	4	4	4	1	1	4.22
Pérez	4⅔	3	0	0	1	5	4.49
Hernández	1	1	0	0	0	3	6.26
W.Smith	1	3	1	1	0	1	4.55

WP: Pérez (10-4); **LP:** Bello (12-10). **HBP:** Bello (Garver), Bernardino (J.Smith). **WP:** Pérez. **T:** 2:44. **A:** 28,519 (40,000).

Twins 5, Reds 3

Jorge Polanco capped a three-run ninth inning with a go-ahead single, helping Minnesota overcome Hunter Greene's 14 strikeouts to beat Cincinnati and move one game from clinching the AL Central.

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Julien dh	4	0	1	1	0	3	.268
Jeffers ph-dh	0	0	0	0	1	0	.272
Polanco 2b	5	0	1	2	0	3	.258
Solano 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.281
Kepler rf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.254
Castro 3b	4	2	2	1	0	2	.252
K.Farmer ss	4	1	1	1	0	2	.245
Stevenson lf-cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.214
Vázquez c	3	2	2	0	1	0	.217
Taylor cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.227
Larnach ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.213
TOTALS	34	5	9	5	3	15	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.241
Friedl cf	5	0	1	1	0	0	.272
Steer lf-1b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.269
Fraley dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.263
Encarnacion-Strand 3b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.270
Senzel 3b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.238
Votto 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.202
Fairchild lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Marte ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.301
Benson rf	3	2	1	0	1	1	.270
Maile c	3	0	1	1	0	0	.228
Martini ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.220
TOTALS	33	3	6	3	5	8	—

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E: Maile (5). **LOB:** Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 9. **2B:** Stevenson (1), Vázquez (12). **3B:** Benson (7). **HR:** Castro (9), off Greene; Encarnacion-Strand (9), off Ober.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ober	5	3	2	2	3	3	3.66
Winder	2	3	1	1	0	2	4.36
Duran	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.43
Jax	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.00

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greene	7	3	1	1	1	14	4.24
Gibaut	1	3	1	1	0	0	3.15
Díaz	⅓	2	3	3	1	0	2.51
Moll	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	0.87

WP: Duran (3-6); **LP:** Díaz (9-5); **S:** Jax (3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Moll 2-2. **IBB:** off Moll (Jeffers). **HBP:** Ober (India), Greene (Stevenson). **WP:** Duran. **T:** 2:51. **A:** 22,306 (43,891).

Phillies 6, Braves 5 (10)

Nick Castellanos hit two home runs and saved the game with a brilliant throw as Philadelphia handed NL East champion Atlanta its fifth loss in six games.

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	3	1	0	0	2	1	.197
Rojas pr-cf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.301
Turner ss	4	0	0	0	1	0	.267
Harper dh	4	1	0	0	1	0	.287
Bohm 3b	4	0	2	1	1	0	.279
Stott 2b	4	0	1	2	1	0	.283
Marsh cf-lf	2	1	0	0	3	0	.279
Castellanos rf	5	2	2	3	0	1	.272
Cave 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.229
Stubbs c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.196
TOTALS	33	6	5	6	10	3	—

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.337
Albies 2b	4	1	2	1	0	2	.270
Riley 3b	5	0	1	1	0	3	.277
Olson 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.279
Ozuna dh	4	0	2	1	0	0	.271
Rosario lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.260
Pillar ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Murphy c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.260
d'Arnaud c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Harris II cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.291
Lopez ss	2	0	1	1	0	0	.291
Arcia ph-ss	2	1	0	0	0	1	.264
TOTALS	37	5	9	5	1	13	—

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E: Murphy (10). **LOB:** Philadelphia 8, Atlanta 5. **2B:** Stott (31), Harris II (27), Albies (26), Ozuna (26). **HR:** Castellanos 2 (27), off Elder.

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nola	6	6	2	2	0	8	4.57
Alvarado	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.93
Hoffman	⅓	2	2	2	0	1	2.55
Soto	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	4.76
Kimbrel	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.23
Strahm	1	0	1	0	0	0	3.20

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Elder	3⅔	3	4	4	5	0	3.63
Chavez	2⅓	1	0	0	1	0	1.44
Hand	1	0	0	0	0	1	6.00
Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.86
Iglesias	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.84
Minter	1	1	2	1	4	1	3.94

WP: Kimbrel (8-6); **LP:** Minter (3-6); **S:** Strahm (2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Soto 1-1, Chavez 1-0. **IBB:** off Minter (Bohm). **WP:** Nola. **T:** 3:06. **A:** 38,856 (41,149).

Padres 3, Rockies 2

Luis Campusano tied the game with a bases-loaded single with one out in the seventh, and Ji Man Choi followed with a sacrifice fly for his first RBI with San Diego, which beat last-place Colorado to extend its season-best winning streak to seven.

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Blackmon dh	4	0	1	0	1	0	.284
Rodgers 2b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.250
Jones lf-rf	3	1	2	0	1	1	.286
Bryant 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Goodman 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.233
McMahon 3b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.247
Tovar ss	4	0	2	1	0	1	.256
Bouchard rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.158
Castro ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Doyle cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.192
Wynns c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.225
Díaz ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.269
TOTALS	35	2	9	2	3	9	—

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bogaerts ss	4	1	3	0	0	0	.283
Tatis Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.260
Soto lf	2	1	0	1	2	0	.267
Machado dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Cooper 1b	3	0	2	0	0	1	.253
Grisham pr-cf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.200
Batten 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.269
Sullivan c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.179
Campusano ph-c	1	0	1	1	0	0	.312
Azocar cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Choi ph-1b	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000
Rosario 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.231
TOTALS	28	3	8	3	2	5	—

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E: Wynns (2). **LOB:** Colorado 9, San Diego 4. **2B:** Jones (20), Blackmon (21), Bogaerts (30). **HR:** Rodgers (1), off Lugo.

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Anderson	6⅓	5	3	2	2	3	6.13
Lawrence	⅔	2	0	0	0	1	3.86
Mears	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.16

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lugo	6	7	2	2	2	7	3.79
García	1	1	0	0	1	1	4.03
Barlow	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Hader	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.21

WP: García (2-3); **LP:** Anderson (0-6); **S:** Hader (31). **Inherited runners-scored:** Lawrence 2-2. **IBB:** off García (Jones). **T:** 2:26. **A:** 35,479 (40,222).

Mariners 6, Athletics 3

Dominic Canzone homered and drove in four runs as Seattle beat Oakland to complete a three-game sweep and maintain its position in the AL West race.

Julio Rodríguez and Cal Raleigh added back-to-back homers for Seattle, and Raleigh also doubled.

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	5	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Rodríguez cf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.285
Raleigh c	5	1	2	1	0	2	.235
Hernández dh	5	0	1	0	0	3	.264
Suárez 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.231
Kelenic rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.252
France 1b	3	2	0	0	0	0	.249
Canzone lf	3	1	2	4	0	0	.220
Haggerty ph-lf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.247
Rojas 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Moore ph-2b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.206
TOTALS	35	6	8	6	3	9	—

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kemp lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Gelof 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.277
Noda 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.232
Brown rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.222
Rooker dh	4	1	1	2	0	1	.241
Diaz 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Soderstrom c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.171
Smith ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.194
Butler cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.219
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	1	5	—

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E: Diaz 2 (6). **LOB:** Seattle 7, Oakland 5. **2B:** Raleigh (22), Suárez (26), Canzone (11). **HR:** Canzone (5), off Estes; Rodríguez (31), off Estes; Raleigh (29), off Estes; Gelof (13), off Kirby; Rooker (27), off Kirby.

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kirby	7	8	3	3	0	3	3.58
Muñoz	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.76
Topa	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.38

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Estes	4⅔	6	6	5	1	2	9.64
Martínez	2⅔	2	0	0	0	4	5.12
F.Pérez	⅔	0	0	0	2	0	4.70
Jiménez	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.38

WP: Kirby (11-10); **LP:** Estes (0-1); **S:** Topa (3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Martínez 2-2. **IBB:** off Estes (Kelenic). **HBP:** Estes 2 (Rodríguez,France). **PB:** Soderstrom (2). **T:** 2:43. **A:** 5,602 (46,847).

Astros 2, Orioles 1

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Henderson ss	4	0	1	0	0	3	.260
Rutschman c	3	1	1	0	1	0	.270
Santander rf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.255
O'Hearn 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.310
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.245
Kjerstad dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.235
Hays lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.281
Frazier 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Urías 3b	2	0	0	0	1	2	.265
TOTALS	33	1	6	1	2	13	—

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.312
Peña ss	3	0	1	1	0	1	.262
Tucker rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.282
Bregman 3b	2	0	0	0	2	1	.266
J.Abreu 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Diaz dh-c	3	1	1	0	0	2	.287
McCormick lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.281
Meyers cf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.228
Alvarez ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.293
Dubón pr-cf	1	1	1	1	0	0	.282
Maldonado c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.191
Singleton ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
TOTALS	27	2	5	2	5	10	—

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One out when winning run scored. **E:** Rutschman (6). **LOB:** Baltimore 7, Houston 8. **2B:** Rutschman (27), Santander (39), Henderson (27), Peña (31), Diaz (22). **RBI:** Santander (85), Peña (51), Dubón (42). **SB:** Santander (5). **CS:** McCormick (5). **S:** Maldonado.

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradish	6	2	0	0	2	9	3.01
Webb	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.26
Fujinami	⅓	0	1	1	2	0	5.00
Baumann	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	3.78
Coulombe	⅓	2	1	1	0	0	2.64

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Javier	5	3	1	1	2	11	4.64
Neris	1	2	0	0	0	0	1.87
Graveman	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	2.70
B.Abreu	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.87
Pressly	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.77

WP: Pressly (4-5); **LP:** Coulombe (5-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Baumann 2-1, B.Abreu 1-0. **IBB:** off Baumann (Tucker). **HBP:** Webb (Diaz). **WP:** Bradish. **T:** 2:56. **A:** 36,427 (41,000).

ORIOLES BATTING LEADERS

Batters	Avg	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
O'Hearn	.310	316	47	98	14	59
Hicks	.288	177	34	51	7	29
Hays	.281	498	75	140	16	66
Rutschman	.270	556	81	150	19	75
Mountcastle	.269	413	63	111	18	67
Westburg	.266	188	24	50	3	21

Taxed bullpen breaks as Baltimore tumbles

ASTROS 2, ORIOLES 1

BY JACOB CALVIN MEYER

HOUSTON — Brandon Hyde has shown his sarcastic side this week.

The Baltimore Orioles manager's bullpen entered Wednesday's game having covered 14⅓ innings over the previous three nights. He joked after Monday's hectic win that his bullpen was in "excellent shape, fresh as all could be." On Wednesday morning, he once again quipped that his taxed bullpen, which needed two innings from starting pitcher Jack Flaherty the night before, was "fresh."

The dire state of the Orioles' bullpen was never more evident than in the late innings of Wednesday's 2-1 loss to the Houston Astros. An exhausted relief corps blew a 1-0 lead in the eighth inning and allowed a walk-off single in the ninth to spoil another gem from ace Kyle Bradish.

Shintaro Fujinami was erratic in the eighth, walking two batters, and Mike Baumann followed to allow one of Fujinami's runners to score. With the game tied in the ninth, left-hander Danny Coulombe allowed a leadoff double to Yainer Díaz and the winning hit to Mauricio Dubón.

In his third career start against Houston, Bradish was as unhittable as he was in his first two, pitching six scoreless innings. In 22⅔ innings against the Astros, the right-hander has not allowed a run, giving up just six singles while striking out 25.

Aside from an RBI single from Anthony Santander in the first, Baltimore's bats didn't back up Bradish against Houston starter Cristian Javier, who struck out 11 in five innings. The Orioles managed just six hits as their four-game winning streak ended.

— Baltimore Sun

Diamondbacks 7, Giants 1

Corbin Carroll swiped his 50th base of the season, followed with his 25th homer and then made a running defensive play to track down a line drive in left field to propel Arizona.

Merrill Kelly tossed 6⅔ strong innings as the Diamondbacks won their fifth straight.

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wade Jr. 1b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.263
Yastrzemski cf	1	0	0	0	3	0	.244
Davis 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.249
Pederson dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.245
Conforto rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Slater ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Matos lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.259
Bailey c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Crawford ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.197
DeJong ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.184
Flores ph-2b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.289
Estrada 2b-ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.279
TOTALS	30	1	3	1	4	8	—

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Carroll rf-lf	5	3	4	1	0	0	.286
Marte 2b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.279
Pham dh	5	1	0	1	0	2	.254
C.Walker 1b	4	1	3	1	0	0	.261
Thomas cf	3	0	1	1	1	2	.237
Gurriel Jr. lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.263
McCarthy pr-rf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.245
Moreno c	4	0	3	1	0	0	.292
Rivera 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.263
Perdomo ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.250
TOTALS	36	7	14	7	3	7	—

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E: Bailey (12). **LOB:** San Francisco 6, Arizona 8. **2B:** Conforto (13), Thomas (16), C.Walker (36). **HR:** Wade Jr. (16), off Kelly; Carroll (25), off R.Walker; Marte (24), off R.Walker.

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Webb	6	9	3	3	2	4	3.35
R.Walker	⅔	3	4	4	1	2	3.20
Hjelle	1⅓	2	0	0	0	1	8.10

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kelly	6⅔	3	1	1	3	5	3.37
Thompson	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Frías	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.81
K.Nelson	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.86

WP: Kelly (12-7); **LP:** Webb (10-13). **T:** 2:30. **A:** 16,848 (48,359).

Mets 8, Marlins 3

Brandon Nimmo hit a home run, double and single, Mark Vientos had his first career multi-homer game and New York beat playoff-contending Miami.

Brett Baty also went deep for the Mets.

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	3	3	1	1	0	.272
Mauricio 2b	3	2	1	0	2	0	.300
Alonso 1b	4	0	1	2	0	2	.222
Lindor ss	5	0	1	1	0	0	.250
McNeil rf	4	0	0	0	1	0	.267
Ortega lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Vientos dh	4	2	2	2	0	1	.226
Baty 3b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.212
Narváez c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.190
TOTALS	36	8	10	7	4	7	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Soler dh	4	0	2	0	1	2	.244
Chisholm Jr. cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Burger 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.308
Edwards 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.279
Bell 1b	4	2	2	1	0	0	.260
De La Cruz lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.256
Sánchez rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Gurriel ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.254
Wendle ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Hampson ss-rf	2	0	0	1	1	1	.286
Berti 2b-3b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.281
Stallings c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.196
TOTALS	33	3	10	3	3	7	—

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E: Sánchez (3), Burger (6). **LOB:** New York 6, Miami 7. **2B:** Narváez (5), Nimmo (28), Bell (7). **HR:** Vientos (6), off Pérez; Vientos (7), off Soriano; Baty (8), off Cueto; Nimmo (24), off Cueto; Bell (10), off Senga.

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Senga	6	7	2	2	2	3	2.96
Smith	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.39
Raley	⅔	2	1	1	0	2	2.94
Bickford	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	5.24
Gott	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.67

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pérez	3	3	3	2	3	2	3.15
Okert	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.07
Chargois	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.46
Soriano	1⅓	3	3	3	1	2	3.54
Robertson	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	6.23
Cueto	2	3	2	2	0	0	6.32

WP: Senga (12-7); **LP:** Pérez (5-6). **Inherited runners-scored:** Bickford 2-1, Robertson 2-1. **WP:** Senga. **T:** 3:04. **A:** 12,045 (37,446).

Angels 8, Rays 3

Brandon Drury homered twice with five RBI and Los Angeles stopped a six-game skid by beating Tampa Bay.

Drury hit a three-run drive off Aaron Civale during a four-run second. He made it 8-1 on his 23rd homer, a two-run drive in the sixth.

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schanuel 1b	2	3	1	0	2	0	.289
Neto ss	5	2	2	1	0	3	.227
Drury dh	5	2	3	5	0	1	.258
Walsh rf	5	0	1	1	0	3	.129
O'Hoppe c	5	0	1	1	0	2	.225
Adell lf	5	0	0	0	0	4	.182
Escobar 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.209
Phillips cf	3	0	0	0	1	3	.196
Stefanic 2b	3	1	2	0	0	0	.200
TOTALS	37	8	10	8	3	19	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz dh	4	0	1	2	1	0	.322
Arozarena lf	4	0	0	0	1	3	.257
H.Ramírez rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.298
Raley ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.249
Basabe rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.213
Paredes 1b	5	0	2	1	0	1	.251
Mead 3b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.269
B.Lowe 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.232
Aranda ph-2b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.206
Margot cf	4	1	3	0	0	0	.253
Walls ss	3	0	0	0	1	3	.204
Bethancourt c	4	1	0	0	0	1	.224
TOTALS	37	3	8	3	4	11	—

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E: Escobar (4), Stefanic (1). **LOB:** Los Angeles 7, Tampa Bay 11. **2B:** Neto (15), Stefanic (2), Díaz (34), Margot (19), Paredes (22). **HR:** Drury (22), off Civale; Drury (23), off E.Ramírez.

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Detmers	4	3	1	0	2	7	4.64
Wantz	2	3	2	2	1	2	3.93
Herget	2	1	0	0	1	1	3.81
Estévez	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.30

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Civale	3	7	6	6	0	7	5.36
Beeks	2	2	0	0	1	5	5.95
E.Ramírez	3	1	2	2	2	4	5.65
Kittredge	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.86

WP: Wantz (2-0); **LP:** Civale (2-2). **HBP:** Civale (Schanuel), E.Ramírez (Stefanic). **WP:** Detmers. **T:** 3:08. **A:** 15,145 (25,025).

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 1

Kevin Gausman tossed six scoreless innings, outpitching Michael King as the right-handers traded strikeouts all night, to vault Toronto to its fifth consecutive victory.

Gausman struck out 10 as the Blue Jays scored five times over the final two innings to remain in the AL's second wild-card spot.

King struck out a career-high 13 for the Yankees.

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	5	2	2	0	0	2	.259
Bichette ss	5	1	2	2	0	2	.305
Biggio 1b	3	1	0	0	2	2	.233
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.244
Horwitz dh	4	0	1	3	1	2	.286
Merrifield 2b	4	0	2	1	1	1	.280
Varsho lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Kirk c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.249
Kiermaier cf	3	2	2	0	1	0	.269
TOTALS	36	6	9	6	6	14	—

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.242
Judge rf	2	0	0	0	2	2	.256
Torres 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.273
Wells c	4	1	2	1	0	1	.163
Stanton dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.188
Volpe ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.208
O.Cabrera lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.220
Peraza 3b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.196
Florial cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.185
TOTALS	32	1	5	1	3	14	—

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LOB: Toronto 9, New York 7. **2B:** Merrifield (26), Kiermaier (19), Wells (4). **HR:** Wells (1), off Swanson.

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gausman	6	3	0	0	3	10	3.29
Green	1	0	0	0	0	2	6.48
Hicks	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.25
Swanson	1	2	1	1	0	1	3.16

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
King	7	5	1	1	0	13	2.66
Kahnle	⅔	0	2	2	4	0	2.66
Hamilton	1	4	3	3	2	1	2.65
Weissert	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4.70

WP: Gausman (12-9); **LP:** King (4-7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Hamilton 3-1, Weissert 2-0. **WP:** King, Kahnle(2). **T:** 2:51. **A:** 35,587 (47,309).

Brewers 8, Cardinals 2

Josh Donaldson hit a three-run homer in the first inning and Tyrone Taylor homered twice to carry Milwaukee past St. Louis.

Twelve of Donaldson's 22 big league hits this year have been home runs.

The Cardinals, already assured of their first losing season since 2007, lost their 85th game for the first time since 1999.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Canha dh	5	0	1	3	0	0	.309
Willi.Contreras c	5	1	2	0	0	1	.284
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Adames ss	3	1	0	0	1	2	.212
Donaldson 3b	4	1	1	3	0	0	.219
Taylor lf	4	2	2	2	0	1	.233
Frelick rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.269
Monasterio 2b	4	1	2	0	0	2	.268
Perkins cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.216
TOTALS	36	8	10	8	2	7	—

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.268
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.269
Walker rf	3	1	1	0	1	2	.273
Wills.Contreras c	2	0	0	0	1	0	.264
Herrera c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.348
Palacios lf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.267
Baker dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.203
Fermín 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.188
Querecuto 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Winn ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.176
TOTALS	32	2	6	2	3	5	—

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LOB: Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 7. **2B:** Willi.Contreras (35), Frelick (9), Canha (8), Nootbaar (22). **HR:** Donaldson (2), off Thompson; Taylor (8), off Thompson; Taylor (9), off Lawrence.

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Houser	6	4	1	1	2	4	4.35
Wilson	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.59
Payamps	1	2	1	1	0	0	2.51
Bukauskas	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Thompson	5	5	4	4	1	4	4.57
Barnes	2	1	0	0	0	2	7.45
Lawrence	2	4	4	4	1	1	6.20

WP: Houser (7-4); **LP:** Thompson (5-7). **HBP:** Payamps (Herrera). **T:** 2:24. **A:** 37,008 (44,494).

Pirates 13, Cubs 7

Joshua Palacios hit a three-run homer in a seven-run fourth inning, and Chicago's postseason drive remained stalled with its sixth loss in seven games.

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Palacios rf	6	1	2	3	0	2	.230
Reynolds lf	5	1	1	1	0	3	.271
Hayes 3b	5	2	3	0	0	0	.276
Joe 1b	5	3	3	2	0	2	.236
Suwinski cf	4	1	1	1	1	2	.215
Triolo 2b	5	2	3	2	0	1	.271
Davis dh	4	0	1	2	1	2	.207
Peguero ss	5	1	1	2	0	0	.249
Delay c	3	2	0	0	1	0	.248
TOTALS	42	13	15	13	3	12	—

CHICAGO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Tauchman cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.252
Wisdom ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.205
Crow-Armstrong pr-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Hoerner 2b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.285
Happ lf	5	1	2	4	0	1	.248
Bellinger 1b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.310
Swanson ss	5	0	0	0	0	4	.248
Suzuki rf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.280
Morel dh	4	1	1	1	0	0	.245
Gomes c	4	0	1	0	0	3	.270
Mastrobuoni 3b	4	2	3	0	0	0	.226
TOTALS	38	7	12	7	2	10	—

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LOB: Pittsburgh 6, Chicago 7. **2B:** Hayes (27), Joe (28), Bellinger 2 (27), Mastrobuoni 2 (5), Happ (33). **HR:** Palacios (9), off Cuas; Triolo (2), off Wesneski; Joe (11), off Leiter Jr.; Morel (24), off Keller; Happ (19), off Keller.

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keller	5⅔	9	7	7	1	6	4.25
Borucki	⅔	2	0	0	0	0	2.75
Mlodzinski	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	1.99
Holderman	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.42
Stratton	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.16

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Steele	3	8	6	6	0	6	3.00
Cuas	1	1	1	1	0	1	3.60
Wesneski	1	1	1	1	1	2	4.91
Leiter Jr.	1	2	3	3	1	0	3.41
Boxberger	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.26
Palencia	1⅔	3	2	2	1	2	4.81
Little	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

WP: Keller (13-9); **LP:** Steele (16-5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Borucki 1-1, Mlodzinski 1-0, Cuas 2-2, Little 3-0. **HBP:** Keller (Hoerner), Palencia (Delay). **T:** 2:58. **A:** 31,491 (41,363).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Angels: Two-way star Shohei Ohtani underwent elbow surgery in Los Angeles and is expected to be available as a hitter on Opening Day next year.

Brewers: RHP J.C. Mejía, 27, was suspended 162 games by MLB after testing positive for the performance-enhancing drug Stanozolol.

Giants: RHP Alex Cobb landed on the 15-day IL with an ailing left hip.

Orioles: Placed 1B Ryan Mountcastle on the 10-day IL with inflammation in his left shoulder.

Twins: Placed SS Carlos Correa on the 10-day IL with plantar fasciitis in his left foot.

Yankees: Rookie OF Jasson Domínguez had Tommy John surgery on his right elbow.

QUOTABLE

"I thought I should drop it. Then, at the last minute, a voice popped in my head and said, 'Catch it and throw him out.' "

— *Phillies OF* **Nick Castellanos**, *who caught a flyball in foul territory before throwing out Atlanta's Luke Williams at home plate in the ninth inning to preserve a tie in a game Philadelphia went on to win, 6-5, in 10 innings.*

TODAY

NL games

BRAVES AT NATIONALS, 7:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Fried (L)	7-1	2.64	10-3
Irvin (R)	3-6	4.34	11-12
BREWERS AT CARDINALS, 1:15			
Miley (L)	8-4	3.38	13-8
Mikolas (R)	7-12	4.84	13-19
METS AT PHILLIES, 7:15			
Peterson (L)	3-8	5.22	6-13
Suárez (L)	3-6	3.80	11-9
PIRATES AT CUBS, 7:40			
Oviedo (R)	8-14	4.27	12-18
Hendricks (R)	6-7	3.77	12-10
GIANTS AT DODGERS, 10:10			
TBD	----	----	----
Pepiot (R)	2-1	1.91	2-1

NL scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Miami 4, N.Y. Mets 3
at Atlanta 9, Philadelphia 3
at Chicago Cubs 14, Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 7, at St. Louis 3
at Arizona 8, San Francisco 4
at San Diego 2, Colorado 0

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 6, at Atlanta 5 (10)
at Arizona 7, San Francisco 1
at San Diego 3, Colorado 2
N.Y. Mets 8, at Miami 3
Pittsburgh 13, at Chicago Cubs 7
Milwaukee 8, at St. Louis 2

AL games

ORIOLES AT GUARDIANS, 7:15	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Rodriguez (R)	6-4	4.53	13-8
TBD	----	----	----
ANGELS AT RAYS, 1:10			
Canning (R)	7-7	4.42	10-10
Eflin (R)	15-8	3.44	21-8
BLUE JAYS AT YANKEES, 7:05			
Berríos (R)	11-10	3.49	17-13
Cole (R)	13-4	2.81	21-10
TIGERS AT ATHLETICS, 9:40			
Skubal (L)	6-3	3.24	6-7
Miller (R)	0-3	3.42	1-5

AL scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore 9, at Houston 5
at Tampa Bay 6, L.A. Angels 2
Toronto 7, at N.Y. Yankees 1
at Kansas City 7, Cleveland 6
at Texas 6, Boston 4
Seattle 7, at Oakland 2
L.A. Dodgers 3, Detroit 2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Houston 2, Baltimore 1
at Texas 15, Boston 5
at Kansas City 6, Cleveland 2
Seattle 6, at Oakland 3
L.A. Angels 8, at Tampa Bay 3
Toronto 6, at N.Y. Yankees 1

Interleague scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Minnesota 7, at Cincinnati 0
at L.A. Dodgers 3, Detroit 2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 13, Chicago White Sox 3
Minnesota 5, at Cincinnati 3
Detroit at L.A. Dodgers, late

After feeling a funk, Nationals break out the hits to take series from White Sox

NATIONALS FROM D1

Martinez joked after the game. "I guess I got to bring it up every day."

The Nationals (68-85) also took advantage of mistakes by the White Sox (58-95). CJ Abrams doubled to open the game and reached third on a failed double steal in which Lane Thomas was thrown out at second. Joey Meneses hit a groundball to third and Abrams was caught in a rundown yet still scored when shortstop Tim Anderson mishandled a throw and the ball skipped into left field.

Chicago's second error — a groundball under the glove of third baseman Yoán Moncada in the second — helped fuel a three-run inning. Abrams again was in the middle of it, lacing a double to left-center that scored Jacob Young and Ildemaro Vargas.

An inning later, Thomas blew the game open, exorcising his bases-loaded demons after he took a tip from his wife, Chase. He entered Wednesday a confounding 1 for 13 with one RBI when hitting with the bases loaded.

He was unhappy with his at-bats Tuesday night when Chase gave him some advice.

"I was kind of in a bad mood, and she just like kind of said, 'Suck it up and stop swinging at those [bad] pitches,' " Thomas said.

So come the third inning Wednesday, with two outs and no bases open, Thomas waited for a good pitch — and blasted a hanging curveball from Jesse Scholtens 425 feet into the left field seats for his 26th homer to make it 8-1.

It was the first of three Nationals home runs: Dominic Smith hit a solo shot in the fourth and Meneses hit his second home run in as many days, a two-run shot that scored Thomas in the fifth to make it 12-1.

"That's something I know I do and the team knows I can do," said Smith, who has hit five of his 11 home runs this month. "We just been searching, and we're just in a spot now where it's more consistent. I just feel comfortable going up there, and I'm competing, and I'm swinging at good pitches, and I'm able to drive it."

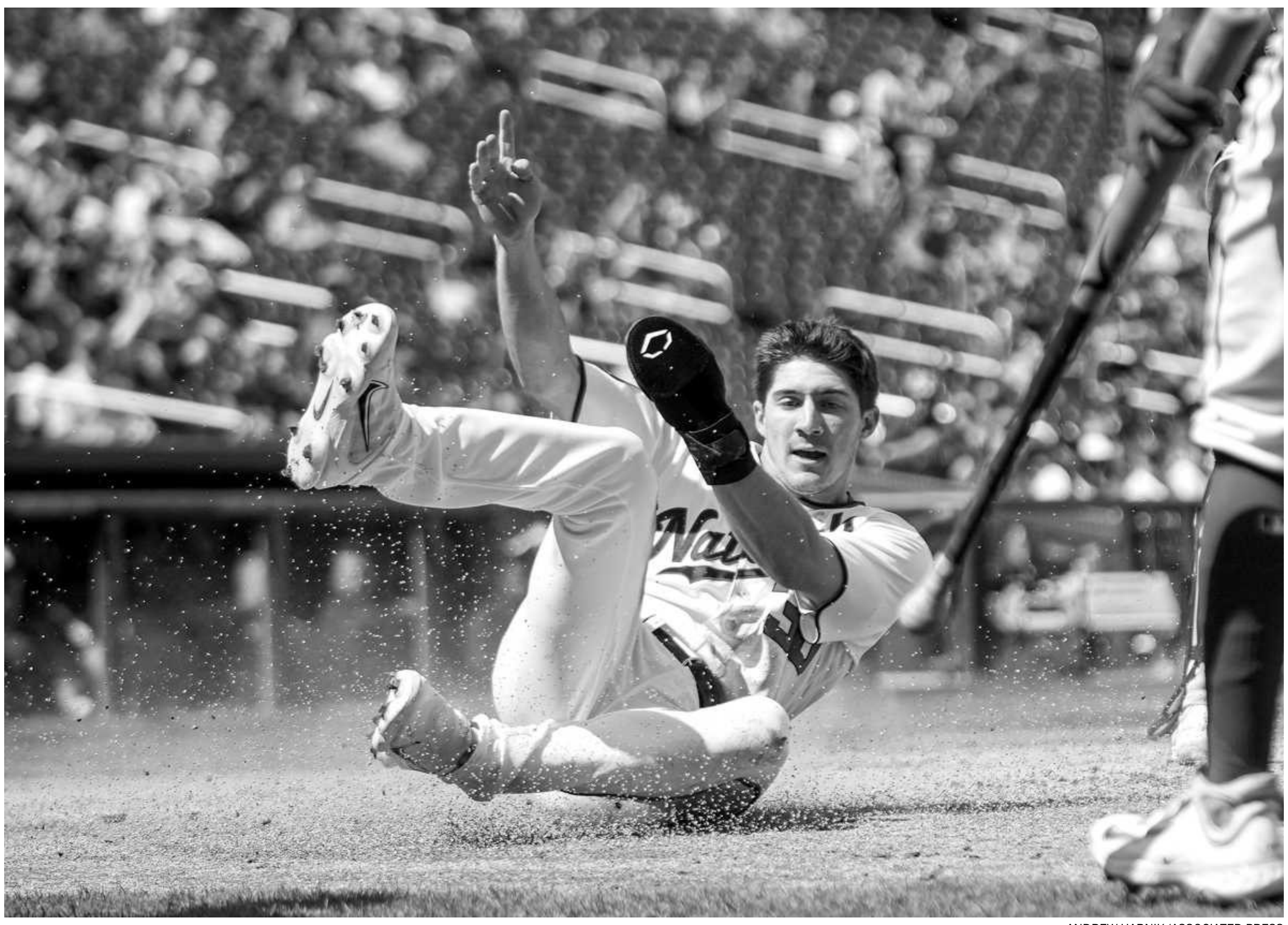
That was more than enough for Josiah Gray, who allowed one run in five innings. By the time the seventh inning came around, Martinez removed Abrams and Thomas for rest.

"It's good to come out and jump out, score and score in bunches and then let the guys relax and watch them play," Martinez said. "Today was a perfect example. They relaxed a little bit; they got some big hits. CJ starts us off with a double to left field and things started clicking for everybody. . . . We got to come back tomorrow and be ready to play again. We got a good team coming in."

Wednesday's win puts the Nationals two victories shy of 70, which would mark a 15-win improvement from their 2022 total. To reach it, they will have to earn it — the Nationals close the season with seven games against the Atlanta Braves and two against the Baltimore Orioles, the teams with MLB's best records.

"It shows that we're getting a little bit better each year," Thomas said. "Something to build off. Hopefully we can get a few more than that over the next week or 10 days and come back to spring training ready to improve on this season."

Note: The Nationals haven't decided who will start Sunday's game. Jake Irvin will start Thursday, followed by Patrick Corbin and Joan Adon. Sunday's spot in the rotation was occupied by Trevor Williams, but the Nationals are planning to give him extra days to rest amid concerns about a drop in his velocity.



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Jacob Young scores on a double by CJ Abrams in the second inning Wednesday. The Nats had 14 hits and patiently worked seven walks.

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. Atlanta Braves

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Sunday	1:35	MASN

at Baltimore Orioles

Tuesday	6:35	MASN, MASN2
Wednesday	6:35	MASN, MASN2

at Atlanta Braves

Sept. 29	7:20	MASN2
Sept. 30	7:20	MASN
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Commanders' new era could bring D.C.'s teams under one banner

SVRLUGA FROM D1

the arrangement was announced, "and this series is the perfect way to begin a new era of professional football in the District."

That statement roughly translates to: Daniel Snyder is no longer the NFL team's owner, which means the NFL team is no longer on an island. Let's see whether we can enjoy each other's company and support.

When the Nats went to Commanders training camp — a trip on which they were accompanied by kids who participate in programs at the Nationals Youth Baseball Academy — players from the two teams met and chatted afterward.

"A lot of them were saying they were baseball fans," Corbin said. "A lot of us were saying we were football fans. I think it's good to kind of have a connection with them. Two professional teams in the same city. Definitely always watch them, support them. And hopefully they do the same with us."

Do these kinds of interactions matter? Not particularly — not yet, at least. There's potential here, and we'll get to that.

But this partnership, even if it's mostly surface-level at the moment, could be meaningful to fans and, eventually, to the region as a whole. The idea that the players they root for actually root for each other — and know each other, and learn from each other — is catnip to most fan bases. The idea that Commanders wide receiver Jahan Dotson came to a Nats game earlier this month, visited with Martinez in his office, and took in batting practice — which he did — is, frankly, just kind of cool.

"He said he was going to pinch-run for us," Martinez said. "I told him he had to get on base first."

Fun for all. Think about the examples, in recent memory, when the teams in town seemed intertwined. Without exception, those occasions were awesome. When the Capitals played in the Stanley Cup finals in June 2018, the Nats were off on the night of Game 4. So Max Scherzer and Ryan Zimmerman not only attended, but they donned Capitals jerseys and hockey helmets, grabbed some sticks, and led the crowd in a deafening "Let's Go Caps!" pregame chant.

When the Caps brought home the Cup, a major stop in what amounted to a cross-the-District bar crawl was Nationals Park, where Tom Wilson interrupted Alex Ovechkin's interview with MASN's Dan Kolko by crooning, "We Are the Champions" into the mic. The crowd cheered every appearance by the Caps on the video board, which led to more beer chugging, which led to more appearances, which led to . . . you can imagine how that ended up.

And when the Nationals followed by winning their own championship in 2019, perhaps the best part of their post-World Series celebration was a wild night at Capital One Arena. All the Nats pulled on Caps jerseys. Zimmerman announced the starting lineup in the locker room.

The two squads posed for a double team photo. The crowd sang "Baby Shark." And when Corbin, Scherzer, Sean Doolittle, Trea Turner, Adam Eaton and Yan Gomes rode the Zamboni between periods, they pulled off their shirts before heading off the ice — mimicking that Brian Dozier celebration that had become a Nats staple. Delirium.

There's a path here, though, to have the fun stuff lead to impactful stuff. In June, for instance, the Commanders and Nationals joined with the teams from Ted Leonsis's Monumental Sports and Entertainment — led by the Caps, Wizards and Mystics — as well as soccer's D.C. United and Washington Spirit to donate $100,000 to Peace for DC, a local nonprofit working to prevent gun violence.

A one-time donation of five figures per franchise might not seem like much. But what if it led to more of the same? What if the teams got together more often to support more causes? Fans back their teams in all sorts of ways, buying tickets and parking and hot dogs. Maybe they could be convinced to back their teams' causes, too. The community at large could benefit.

For now, we'll leave it to bridges being built. The Nationals hosted the entire Commanders rookie class in June. When new offensive lineman Nick Gates, a free agent signee, came to Nats Park, the club welcomed him to D.C. by putting him on the video board, a space where Wilson has been featured this year. Ovechkin was among the celebrities on the field before the Commanders' home opener, Harris's debut as owner.

Does it matter? In a city that can sometimes feel divided, why not look for anything and everything that can pull it together?

"Getting to know the Capitals was tremendous," Martinez said, remembering his first season in Washington, when the Caps won the Cup. "And watching our players and their players have the relationship that they have was awesome. I'm hoping we can do the same with the football guys, too."

What we know is that the owner of the Washington Commanders will be welcomed Thursday at Nationals Park. When he takes to the field for a bit of ceremony, he almost certainly will be cheered. This is all the start of a warm, fuzzy hug, which was unthinkable a year ago and shouldn't be overlooked now. And if this new relationship between teams can be more than window-dressing — if it could become the platform for something more meaningful — all the better.



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Commanders owner Josh Harris posed with fans before the Sept. 10 season opener — his first regular season game in charge of the team.

WNBA ROUNDUP

Connecticut eliminates Minnesota in Game 3 rout

SUN 90, LYNX 75

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Alyssa Thomas tied a career-high with 28 points, DeWanna Bonner had 25 points and 10 rebounds, and the Connecticut Sun beat the Minnesota Lynx, 90-75, on Wednesday night in Minneapolis to advance to its fifth straight WNBA playoff semifinals.

Connecticut will play the New York Liberty on Sunday to start a best-of-five series. The Sun lost all four regular season games against the Liberty. It was the second consecutive season in which the Sun went on the road to win Game 3 of its first-round series.

Tyasha Harris added 18 points off the bench for Connecticut, and made four of the Sun's nine three-pointers. Thomas also had 12 assists and six rebounds.

Napheesa Collier led Minnesota with 31 points. Kayla McBride, who scored 28 points in Game 2 on Sunday, was held to 10 points on 3-of-12 shooting.

Connecticut made eight of its first nine shots and scored 14 straight points to take a 20-6 lead. Minnesota was within 32-29 before Connecticut scored the next 11 for a 14-point lead.

The Sun made 11 of its last 13 shots of the first half, including Bonner's baseline jumper just before the buzzer for a 49-34 lead.

Bonner and Thomas scored or assisted on 40 of the Sun's 49 first-half points. Bonner was 5 of 6 from the field in the first half for 14 points, and Thomas also scored 14 on 7-of-12 shooting.

Vatansever out as Sky coach

Emre Vatansever will not return as the Chicago Sky's coach and general manager after taking over on an interim basis following James Wade's midseason departure, the team said.

Whether he will return as an assistant coach was not clear.

The announcement came three days after the Sky was swept out of the playoffs by the defending champion Las Vegas Aces.

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ANALYSIS

After lengthy offseason, Capitals start camp with new coach and veteran core

BY BAILEY JOHNSON

The Washington Capitals' longest offseason in nearly a decade has finally come to an end. After missing the playoffs for the first time in nine years, Washington opens training camp Thursday with a new coach and a core of veteran players who have their sights set on returning to the postseason.

Spencer Carbery, 41, enters his first season with the Capitals after spending the past two years as an assistant with the Toronto Maple Leafs. Washington added forward Max Pacioretty and defenseman Joel Edmundson in July, but the majority of the roster is largely unchanged.

The Capitals open their preseason schedule with a matchup against the Buffalo Sabres on Sunday afternoon at Capital One Arena. Washington opens the regular season at home against the Pittsburgh Penguins on Oct. 13.

Here are five things to watch as training camp begins.

Carbery's fresh perspective

Before joining the Maple Leafs, Carbery coached the Capitals' AHL affiliate in Hershey, Pa., for three seasons, so several of the players in the organization already have familiarity with their new boss. That could help players such as forwards Beck Malenstyn and Joe Snively, who have played for Carbery before, but a fresh set of eyes can also be beneficial for players on the NHL roster.

It's no secret that the 2022-23 season didn't go well for Anthony Mantha, who was a healthy scratch on several occasions and struggled to consistently produce offense. Mantha's name was floated throughout the offseason as a player who could be traded, but he'll have a clean slate under Carbery — and will be motivated to improve. Carbery also has a track record of development with budding talent, something that could help younger players such as Martin Fehervary, Rasmus Sandin and Connor McMichael.

As Washington attempts to support Alex Ovechkin's chase for the NHL's all-time goal-scoring record while reckoning with an aging core of players, Carbery's ability to develop players — and get more out of established players who have underperformed — will be crucial.



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Center Nicklas Backstrom, who lost a step in his return from hip surgery, is optimistic that a fully healthy offseason will help his progress.

The future for Backstrom

When General Manager Brian MacLellan met with reporters after the 2022-23 season ended, he wasn't bullish on center Nicklas Backstrom's future. Backstrom returned from hip resurfacing surgery in January and played 39 games, but it was evident that he lost a step after the surgery.

"I think it's frustrating in that I don't know how much better it's going to get," MacLellan said in April. "I haven't seen any other players do it, recover and get back to the level they thought they were at before. I don't know where that ends up with the offseason training."

Backstrom said he was optimistic that he'd make progress and regain that step with a full offseason of training — his first completely healthy offseason in years after resolving his long-standing hip issues.

Pacioretty's recovery status

Pacioretty is still recovering from tearing the Achilles' tendon in his right leg in January — just five games (and three goals) into his return from tearing the same Achilles' during the summer of 2022.

He returned from the first tear about five months after surgery, but the second time around, Pacioretty is taking his time with recovery.

After signing Pacioretty, MacLellan said the winger wouldn't be ready for the beginning of the season and that the Capitals didn't have a set timeline for when Pacioretty would be available. But Washington expects Pacioretty to play in the top six and on the power play when he's healthy, so his return will have a significant effect on the lineup.

Potential Kuznetsov trade

MacLellan has been transparent throughout the offseason about his desire to make a trade among Washington's top six forwards and bring in a younger player. In July, he said he had a few conversations about a trade at the draft that didn't materialize, and the trade market always cools down in the summer as the hockey world goes on vacation. But the wheels often start spinning again during training camp, and Evgeny Kuznetsov's name has appeared in trade rumors on a variety of occasions over the past couple of years.

Kuznetsov, like Mantha, could benefit from Carbery's fresh perspective. But if MacLellan is able to pull off the top-six trade he's been talking about for several months, Kuznetsov seems like the player he could be targeting for a move — though a $7.8 million cap hit for the next two seasons is a large amount of money to try to move in the cap-strapped NHL.

McMichael's role (again)

McMichael, who played for Carbery in Hershey during the 2020-21 season, likely falls into the category of players who benefit from the coach's arrival in Washington. For the third consecutive training camp, there are questions about where the 2019 first-round pick fits into the Capitals' lineup.

Last year, in Backstrom's absence, McMichael got a look early in camp as the second-line center.

By the end of training camp, he was an extra forward, and he was sent down to the AHL in November after appearing in just six of the Capitals' first 20 games. Those were the only NHL games McMichael played last season — after playing 68 the previous season.

In Hershey, McMichael had a top-six role and turned in a strong postseason performance as the Bears won the Calder Cup.

Carbery has stated several times that one of his goals is to integrate young players into the lineup, so it's expected that McMichael will once again be given a chance to make the opening-night roster and have a full-time NHL role. And once again, where McMichael slots in will depend on how fully he takes advantage of that chance.

KEVIN B. BLACKISTONE

At Colorado, Sanders has not yet revolutionized college football — but he could

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whom are Black.

And the place went wild.

Lil Wayne, Offset and Master P were later joined in cheering Sanders's Buffaloes by Memphis rapper Key Glock, who owes his *nom d' rap* to what the Violence Policy Center reported is a favorite handgun of mass shooters.

The scene in Boulder prompted Greg Carr — a Howard University professor of Afro-American studies and of law and one of the architects of the AP African American history course that reactionary Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis attacked as political, to denounce the public theater of Colorado football on social media as "PlantationCollegeAthletics" and "MinstrelsyOnSteroids."

At least Sanders is cashing in on the Black culture he imported to Colorado, along with his indubitable inspirational talent and a coaching acumen that has the Buffaloes 3-0, ranked in the top 20 and the talk of all sports. The real revolution, though — the one that could change college football — hasn't yet begun.

Sanders signed a contract for which he'll pocket around $5.5 million per year. His commercial appeal is such that it was hard to remember a break in the game when he didn't appear hawking some product. He's selling mirrored sunglasses he sports on the sidelines and handed out to media members far too eager to suspend skepticism to be a party to the ride. And some of his players are profiting, too, particularly his star quarterback son, Shedeur, who is said to have the top name, image and likeness value in college football, valued by one estimate at $5.1 million.

What Sanders is doing with Black culture on the sports stage isn't new, of course. But as Carr alluded, Sanders — under the guidance of a PR woman trained in the NFL's marketing offices, Constance Schwartz-Morini, who has worked with everyone from Michael Strahan and Erin Andrews to Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa — is daring a dangerous walk as a Black coach, between his use of Black culture and freedom to be who he might be.

As the British cultural critic Ellis Cashmore observed in his 1997 book "The Black Culture Industry": "Inflating the significance of black culture may work against tangible enhancements to the lives of African Americans. The most significant value of black culture may be in providing whites with proof of the end of racism while keeping the racial hierarchy essentially intact."

Indeed, in the vast wasteland for aspiring Black head coaches that is elite college football, Sanders being able to embody his sobriquet, Prime Time — "cool-cool ultracool was bop-cool/ice box cool so cool cold cool; his wine didn't have to be cooled, him was air conditioned cool," as poet Haki Madhubuti once rhymed — is exclusive. It's due to his national persona built up since a sports information director at Florida State decided to pin him with the nickname Neon Deion. From that day, Sanders, now 56, figured out brilliantly and fearlessly a mutually exploitative relationship with the media.



DUSTIN BRADFORD/GETTY IMAGES

Deion Sanders has coached Colorado to a 3-0 start and a top-20 ranking in his first season in charge.

Among Black coaches, only Sanders — insulated by the stardom of his celebrity — has such standing. After all, here's a guy who once petulantly doused baseball-player-turned-announcer Tim McCarver with water after being hard-boiled by McCarver's criticism. Yet Sanders suffered no long-term slight from either of the games he played so electrically.

I've not seen in my time around professional sports a greater athlete than Sanders, who appeared to end his nonpareil NFL career in Washington before coming back after a three-year hiatus to Baltimore. He folded his baseball career, in which he hit .304 for Atlanta in 1992 and stole 56 bases for Cincinnati in 1997.

I remember interviewing Sanders at Reds spring training camp about his less-than-ceremonial departure from the Dallas Cowboys. He asked me to come back after, as he put it, he messed around in the batting cage. I did. We talked. He was forthcoming, entertaining as ever. Then he departed for what he made his only known vice: fishing.

He got arrested once for trespassing on someone's lake. When the cops called for him to come ashore, he refused. He was catching so many fish, he explained, that he decided to stay a little longer because doing so wasn't going to lessen the penalty.

Not unlike arguably the first mega-showman Black athlete, the boxer Jack Johnson, who gave a cop who pulled him over for speeding twice the fine because, Johnson said, he would be coming back just as fast.

But there is no valor in playing the exploitative game of college football — which is especially manipulative of Black male labor — like the exploiters before you, those for whom you may have played, or who were, or are, on the opposite side of the gridiron. For all that Sanders is exalting about young Black men in his tutelage, there were those he ran off the team upon arrival from his previous stop, the historically Black university Jackson State, to make room for his imported crop.

So I can't yet laud Sanders as some sort of transformative figure in college football who is, as the cliché goes, changing the narrative. He's still making his bank, and plenty of it, like the peer group in which he's ascended. Black male labor under him is still undercompensated and lacking the health care and insurance it not only deserves but needs, such as star Travis Hunter, who was sidelined from a cheap shot in the Colorado State game that left him with a lacerated liver. Why can't Hunter have the hospital, short-term disability or accident insurance from Aflac, for whom Sanders is an endorser? And Hunter is one of 60-some Black players on Sanders's roster of 100 or so at a university where the undergraduate Black male population has been about 1 percent. Maybe in the future, Sanders can bring Colorado to value Black males in the classroom as much is it does in the athletic space.

Sanders hasn't, as some have argued, changed the game. He hasn't exposed the inequities that have been apparent for years even to the most casual viewers of college sports. He isn't revolutionizing the most important part of the game, which is its structure.

Sanders, however, has the command to start exactly that: a real revolution in college sports. We know he is certainly bodacious enough to do so. And it would be, after all, for the culture.

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VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Saxons start push for eighth straight state title with a Liberty District win

BY JAKOB BOWEN

Langley got its tournament golf season off to a strong start Wednesday afternoon in an event it has come to own in recent seasons. The Saxons, powered by three senior girls who alternated playing the blue and white tees, captured their fourth straight Liberty District title at Herndon Centennial.

The Saxons, seeking an eighth straight Division 6 state championship, won the tournament with a two-day total of 583, comfortably ahead of Yorktown (617) and McLean (622) on the par-71 course. All three schools advanced to next week's Northern Region tournament at Algonkian.

Langley senior Alina Ho (a two-day total of 140) earned medalist honors. Teammate Catherine Qiu (144) was runner-up. Finn Watson of Washington-Liberty (145) finished third. Ho, committed to play golf at Virginia Tech next year, stressed how important it was to strike the right note to begin a push toward another state title, both for herself and the team.

"It's great knowing that we have a solid team, especially with this being my last year on the team," she said. "I can definitely [still] play better than I did the past two days."

Qiu said knowing that her teammates were not too far in front of or behind her helped boost her confidence.

"You can always expect to have someone to talk to when you're on the tee box waiting for the next hole," she said. "The consistency we've had with this team, especially the top players, has been great."

Emily Wang, who finished 8 over par for Wednesday's round, said the seniors' bond helps all of their games.

"It's very comforting," she said. "I've known Catherine and Alina since I was in elementary school, so playing golf in high school together has been a very fun experience."

Wang's highlight? A birdie on her final hole.

"That [birdie] felt really, really good because I needed it to shoot a 79," Wang said.

Saxons Coach Al Berg stressed how committed his three seniors are not just to their own games but to team success.

"All three of them understand how important it is to have an all-around game," he said. "They really put the time and effort into it."

As Tuscarora's all-around anchor, Westphal keeps reaching new heights

BY NOAH FERGUSON

When Tuscarora's offensive linemen jog off the field following a possession, they quickly huddle around a small iPad on the sideline. The device, manned by offensive line coach Scott McGuiney, shows video clips for them to dissect before they retake the field.

Often, McGuiney and the Huskies will break their huddles smiling after watching what Fletcher Westphal — Tuscarora's 6-foot-8, 335-pound tackle — just did.

"They'll all come over and watch it back and forth because Fletcher just cleared house, took out like three or four guys," McGuiney said with a laugh.

Westphal, who towers over everyone on the field, often obliterates defensive fronts one player at a time. He makes improbable plays seem routine, a reason the senior is a consensus four-star recruit and will head to the University of Florida next year.

Before he makes that leap, Westphal is Tuscarora's anchor on both sides of the ball. The Huskies are 4-0 with state title aspirations as Westphal bulldozes his way through Loudoun County.

"Everyone's going to get blown up," Westphal said early in the season, noting that his neighbor on the line, left guard Braeden Hart, is also a returning starter. "Looking at what our defense has been doing, relentless pursuit to the ball, just cracking people, it's exciting."

Westphal has always been taller than his friends and classmates. His parents, Libby and Chris, remember feeling shock when a doctor measured Fletcher as a 2-year-old and told them he would easily grow taller than his father's 6-4 stature.

Just a year later, the 3-year-old was already too tall for the indoor playground at Burger King.

"He was a head taller than everyone in his grade, so he's really easy to find in pictures," Chris Westphal joked.

His height didn't stop him from trying various sports. Sure, Westphal played football and basketball, but he also remembers gymnastics, horseback riding and swimming practices, which tested his athletic abilities as he grew into his frame.

Those experiences were crucial in his development as a well-rounded athlete, Westphal said. He has rare fluidity for a young offensive lineman. Add that to his size and speed, and college recruiters would eventually flock to Leesburg.

By eighth grade, Westphal was set on football. He won his local recreation league county football championship the year before he arrived at Tuscarora and decided then he wanted to fully pursue the sport.



JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

After a coach urged him in preseason to unleash his mean streak, standout tackle Fletcher Westphal has led Tuscarora to a 4-0 start.

McGuiney was a frequent visitor to Westphal's games his freshman year. He carefully watched a 14-year-old teeming with potential and natural athletic ability, but also a player who lacked the fundamentals to thrive at the varsity level. Westphal made the jump to varsity his sophomore year.

"He was still quite raw in terms of his technique," McGuiney said. "That first year, I was trying to teach him very basic football IQ stuff, very basic fundamentals and technique, trying to just size him up and see what I had."

McGuiney was admittedly hard on Westphal. He knew the young tackle — who already fielded multiple Power Five offers before taking a varsity snap — had the chance to become a difference-maker. But, McGuiney said, Westphal "just didn't know how hard to go in a certain drill, and he wasn't going hard enough."

Still, Westphal showed flashes of his skill in his first varsity season. He recalls a pull play during a rain-soaked game against Kettle Run when he streaked up the field to block for a Tuscarora teammate. Westphal reached out and stiff-armed a defensive end into the turf. He then turned his attention to a linebacker and plowed him to the ground before completing the play with a powerful layout of a Cougars safety.

"I pancaked three dudes in one play, and I don't even know how I did that, especially in my sophomore year," Westphal said. "It was a fun game."

By Westphal's junior season, McGuiney rarely critiqued him during practice. He showed marked improvement over the course of the offseason and seldom made the same mistake twice, often imposing his will as he emerged as one of the most feared linemen in Virginia.

The final step of Westphal's development, in McGuiney's eyes, was the fire with which he played on the field. He already had the natural bend, the high football IQ, the work ethic, the talent — but McGuiney wanted to take Westphal's growth a step further.

Westphal had always been known by the Tuscarora coaching staff as a nice kid — a quiet, polite and well-mannered guy with a great personality. So when McGuiney walked with his offensive lineman toward the field for a preseason scrimmage against Virginia powerhouse Stone Bridge, he requested a favor.

"I just have to ask you to do one thing today. Do you think you can do that?" McGuiney said.

"Sure, Coach, whatever you want," Westphal replied.

"I really want you to be a jerk to them. I want you to be the guy that nobody wants to go up against," McGuiney said.

Westphal obliged and "put dudes on the ground left and right," as McGuiney recalls. Westphal has brought that edge ever since, and it has helped him further thrive.

In July, he committed to Florida, choosing the Gators over other big-time scholarship offers from programs such as Georgia, Clemson and Auburn.

This season, Westphal has put together all of the pieces of his individual game, and it has unlocked a dangerous offense. In a 42-13 win over Independence on Aug. 31, quarterback Thomas Peede rushed for four touchdowns. It has been the most convincing win during a flawless nonconference slate.

"He's really bought into being a great leader, so he's really lifted the rest of those guys on the offensive line," Peede said of Westphal. "He's super athletic. I don't think there's a thing he can't do on the offensive line."

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Dallas	2	0	0	1.000	70	10
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	59	48
Washington	2	0	0	1.000	55	49
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	31	68
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	49	34
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	36	32
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	47	34
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	27	44
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	52	57
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	62	45
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	37	65
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	45	54
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	60	30
L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	53	43
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	50	61
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	44	51

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	60	51
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	54	32
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	32	46
New England	0	2	0	.000	37	49
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	52	51
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	40	38
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	42	40
Houston	0	2	0	.000	29	56
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	52	33
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	46	29
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	33	52
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	27	51
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	37	30
Las Vegas	1	1	0	.500	27	54
Denver	0	2	0	.000	49	52
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	58	63

WEEK 3

THURSDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Giants at San Francisco (-10½), 8:15

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Buffalo (-6½) at Washington, 1
Atlanta at Detroit (-3½), 1
Denver at Miami (-6½), 1
Houston at Jacksonville (-8½), 1
Indianapolis at Baltimore (-7½), 1
L.A. Chargers (-1½) at Minnesota, 1
New England (-2½) at N.Y. Jets, 1
New Orleans at Green Bay (-2), 1
Tennessee at Cleveland (-3½), 1
Carolina at Seattle (-6), 4:05
Chicago at Kansas City (-12½), 4:25
Dallas (-12½) at Arizona, 4:25
Pittsburgh at Las Vegas (-2½), 8:20

MONDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia (-4½) at Tampa Bay, 7:15
L.A. Rams at Cincinnati (-2½), 8:15

WEEK 4

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Green Bay, 8:15

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta vs Jacksonville at London, GBR, 9:30 a.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1
Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1
Denver at Chicago, 1
L.A. Rams at Indianapolis, 1
Miami at Buffalo, 1
Minnesota at Carolina, 1
Pittsburgh at Houston, 1
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1
Washington at Philadelphia, 1
Las Vegas at L.A. Chargers, 4:05
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25
New England at Dallas, 4:25
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, 8:20

MONDAY'S GAMES

Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 8:15

TRANSACTIONS

NFL

Arizona Cardinals: Signed WR Jeff Smith to the practice squad.
Baltimore Ravens: Signed RB Kenyan Drake to the practice squad.
Carolina Panthers: Promoted LB Deion Jones from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed QB Jake Luton and CB Robert Rochell to the practice squad. Released CB Mark Milton from the practice squad.
Chicago Bears: Placed LT Braxton Jones on injured reserve. Signed OL Aviante Collins. Signed OL Austen Pleasants to the practice squad. Released QB Nathan Peterman.
Cleveland Browns: Signed RB Kareem Hunt. Placed RB Nick Chubb on injured reserve.
Detroit Lions: Promoted RB Zonovan Knight and OL Kayode Awosika from the practice squad to the active roster. Released DL Chris Smith from the practice squad. Signed LB Mitchell Agude, CB Darius Phillips, RB Devine Ozigbo and OL Dan Skipper to the practice squad.
Las Vegas Raiders: Placed OLB Chandler Jones on the non-football illness list.
New York Jets: Re-signed WR Irv Charles to the practice squad. Released DT Tanzel Smart from the practice squad.
Philadelphia Eagles: Placed CB Avonte Maddox on injured reserve. Promoted WR Britain Covey from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed RB Bryant Koback to the practice squad.
Pittsburgh Steelers: Signed RB Godwin Igwebuike and DT Breiden Fehoko.
Seattle Seahawks: Signed TE Brady Russell. Waived OLB Tyreke Smith. Promoted CB Artie Burns from the practice squad to the active roster. Placed DE Mike Morris on injured reserve. Signed WR Tyjon Lindsey and DT Carl Davis to the practice squad. Released WR Matt landers and CB Robert Rochell from the practice squad.
Tennessee Titans: Signed DL Jaleel Johnson to the practice squad.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA

THURSDAY'S GAMES
SOUTH

Georgia St. (3-0) at Coastal Carolina (2-1), 7:30
Ark.-Pine Bluff (1-2) at Alabama A&M (1-2), 7:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES
EAST

Brown (1-0) at Harvard (1-0), 7

SOUTH

NC State (2-1) at Virginia (0-3), 7:30

MIDWEST

Wisconsin (2-1) at Purdue (1-2), 7

WEST

Boise St. (1-2) at San Diego St. (2-2), 10:30
Air Force (3-0) at San Jose St. (1-3), 10:30

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST

Sacred Heart (0-3) at St. Francis (Pa.) (0-3), Noon
Virginia Tech (1-2) at Marshall (2-0), Noon
Army (2-1) at Syracuse (3-0), Noon
Cornell (1-0) at Yale (0-1), Noon
Georgetown (2-1) at Columbia (0-1), 12:30
Stonehill (2-1) at Fordham (2-1), 1
Lehigh (1-2) at Dartmouth (0-1), 1:30
Colgate (0-3) at Holy Cross (2-1), 2
Rhode Island (2-1) at Villanova (2-1), 2
Va. Lynchburg (0-2) at Robert Morris (1-2), 3
Bryant (1-2) at Princeton (1-0), 3
New Mexico (1-2) at Umass (1-3), 3:30
Texas Tech (1-2) at West Virginia (2-1), 3:30
Duke (3-0) at Uconn (0-3), 3:30
Penn (1-0) at Bucknell (1-1), 3:30
Miami (3-0) at Temple (2-1), 3:30
Monmouth (NJ) (1-2) at Lafayette (2-1), 3:30
Richmond (1-2) at Stony Brook (0-3), 3:30
Norfolk St. (1-2) at Towson (1-2), 4
Merrimack (1-2) at Wagner (1-2), 4
New Hampshire (2-1) at Delaware (2-1), 6
Albany (N.Y.) (1-2) at Morgan St. (1-2), 6
Iowa (3-0) at Penn St. (3-0), 7:30
North Carolina (3-0) at Pittsburgh (1-2), 8

SOUTH

Kentucky (3-0) at Vanderbilt (2-2), Noon
Butler (2-1) at Stetson (2-1), Noon
Florida St. (3-0) at Clemson (2-1), Noon
W. Kentucky (2-1) at Troy (1-2), Noon
Mercer (2-1) at Furman (2-1), 1
Wofford (0-3) at VMI (1-2), 1:30
Charleston Southern (1-2) at W. Carolina (2-1), 2:30
Chattanooga (2-1) at Samford (1-2), 3
NC Central (2-1) vs. MVSU (0-2) at Indianapolis, 3
Texas Southern (0-3) at Grambling St. (1-2), 3
Maine (0-3) at William & Mary (3-0), 3:30
Texas A&M Commerce (0-2) at Old Dominion (1-2), 3:30
Mississippi (3-0) at Alabama (2-1), 3:30
Boston College (1-2) at Louisville (3-0), 3:30
UTSA (1-2) at Tennessee (2-1), 4
Rice (2-1) at South Florida (1-2), 4
E. Michigan (2-1) at Jacksonville St. (2-1), 5
Cent. Michigan (1-2) at South Alabama (2-1), 5
The Citadel (0-3) at SC State (0-3), 6
Alabama St. (1-1) at Florida A&M (2-1), 6
SE Missouri (1-2) at E. Kentucky (0-3), 6
Elon (1-2) at Campbell (2-1), 6
Gardner-Webb (1-2) at East Carolina (0-3), 6
Liberty (3-0) at FIU (3-1), 6:30
Georgia Tech (1-2) at Wake Forest (3-0), 6:30
Bethune-Cookman (1-2) at Jackson St. (2-2), 7
Houston Christian (1-2) at SE Louisiana (0-3), 7
Arkansas (2-1) at LSU (2-1), 7
Charlotte (1-2) at Florida (2-1), 7
Prairie View (1-2) at Alcorn St. (1-2), 7
UT Martin (2-1) at North Alabama (2-2), 7
St. Andrews (0-0) at Davidson (1-2), 7
Kennesaw St. (1-2) at Tennessee Tech (0-3), 7
Colorado St. (0-2) at Middle Tennessee (1-2), 7
Nicholls (0-2) at Tulane (2-1), 7
Buffalo (0-3) at Louisiana-Lafayette (2-1), 7:30
Mississippi St. (2-1) at South Carolina (1-2), 7:30
UAB (1-2) at Georgia (3-0), 7:30

MIDWEST

Rutgers (3-0) at Michigan (3-0), Noon
Tulsa (1-2) at N. Illinois (1-2), Noon
Oklahoma (3-0) at Cincinnati (2-1), Noon
Lindenwood (Mo.) (2-1) at Illinois St. (2-1), 1
Marist (0-2) at Valparaiso (0-2), 1
W. Michigan (1-2) at Toledo (2-1), 1:30
Georgia Southern (2-1) at Ball St. (1-2), 2
Morehead St. (1-1) at St. Thomas (Minn.) (1-2), 2
McNeese St. (0-3) at E. Illinois (2-1), 3
Utah Tech (1-2) at Missouri St. (0-2), 3
Louisiana Tech (2-2) at Nebraska (1-2), 3:30
BYU (3-0) at Kansas (3-0), 3:30
Maryland (3-0) at Michigan St. (2-1), 3:30
Delaware St. (0-3) at Miami (Ohio) (2-1), 3:30
Ohio (3-1) at Bowling Green (1-2), 3:30
FAU (1-2) at Illinois (1-2), 3:30
Oklahoma St. (2-1) at Iowa St. (1-2), 4
Missouri (3-0) vs. Memphis (3-0) at St. Louis, 7:30
Minnesota (2-1) at Northwestern (1-2), 7:30
Ohio St. (3-0) at Notre Dame (4-0), 7:30
Akron (1-2) at Indiana (1-2), 7:30
UCF (3-0) at Kansas St. (2-1), 8

SOUTHWEST

Auburn (3-0) at Texas A&M (2-1), Noon
SMU (2-1) at TCU (2-1), Noon
Sam Houston St. (0-2) at Houston (1-2), 7
Lincoln University (CA) (0-1) at Lamar (0-3), 7
Nevada (0-3) at Texas State (2-1), 7
North American University (0-1) at Incarnate Word (2-1), 7
Austin Peay (1-2) at Stephen F. Austin (2-1), 7
Southern Miss. (1-2) at Arkansas St. (1-2), 7
Abilene Christian (2-1) at Cent. Arkansas (1-2), 7
SW Baptist (0-0) at Tarleton St. (2-1), 7
Texas (3-0) at Baylor (1-2), 7:30
UNLV (2-1) at UTEP (1-3), 9

WEST

Colorado (3-0) at Oregon (3-0), 3:30
UCLA (3-0) at Utah (3-0), 3:30
Cal Poly (2-1) at Portland St. (1-2), 4
Sacramento St. (3-0) at Idaho (2-1), 4
Montana (3-0) at N. Arizona (0-3), 4
Dayton (2-1) at San Diego (0-3), 5
N. Colorado (0-3) at Idaho St. (0-3), 6
Appalachian St. (2-1) at Wyoming (2-1), 7
Oregon St. (3-0) at Washington St. (3-0), 7
Arizona (2-1) at Stanford (1-2), 7
James Madison (3-0) at Utah St. (1-2), 8
W. Illinois (0-3) at S. Utah (0-3), 8
Montana St. (2-1) at Weber St. (2-1), 8
E. Washington (1-2) at UC Davis (2-1), 10
Kent St. (1-2) at Fresno St. (3-0), 10:30
Southern Cal (3-0) at Arizona St. (1-2), 10:30
California (2-1) at Washington (3-0), 10:30

SUNDAY'S GAMES
WEST

New Mexico St. (2-2) at Hawaii (1-3), 12 a.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	17	4	8	59	47	33
Orlando City	14	7	8	50	45	36
Columbus	14	9	6	48	60	41
Philadelphia	14	8	6	48	51	35
New England	13	6	9	48	47	34
Atlanta	12	8	10	46	57	46
Nashville	12	9	7	43	35	27
CF Montréal	11	14	4	37	29	41
D.C. United	9	12	9	36	38	39
New York City FC	7	10	13	34	30	36
Chicago	8	12	9	33	32	45
Charlotte FC	7	9	12	33	36	45
Inter Miami CF	9	15	4	31	36	44
New York	7	12	10	31	25	34
Toronto FC	4	15	10	22	24	45
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
St. Louis City SC	15	10	5	50	56	38
Los Angeles FC	12	9	8	44	44	34
Houston	12	10	7	43	41	33
x-Seattle	11	9	9	42	35	30
Vancouver	11	9	8	41	46	41
x-Real Salt Lake	11	10	7	40	39	41
San Jose	10	9	10	40	34	37
x-Minnesota United	9	9	10	37	34	34
Portland	9	11	9	36	36	45
x-FC Dallas	9	10	8	35	30	31
Sporting KC	9	13	8	35	39	43
Austin FC	9	13	7	34	40	46
x-LA Galaxy	7	11	9	30	35	45
x-Colorado	4	13	10	22	18	40

x-Late match

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
D.C. United 0, Charlotte FC 0
New York 0, New York City FC 0
Atlanta 5, Miami 2
Chicago 0, CF Montréal 0
Orlando City 4, Columbus 3
Cincinnati 2, Philadelphia 2
Vancouver 2, Toronto FC 1
Seattle 1, FC Dallas 1
St. Louis City SC 1, Houston 1
Sporting KC 1, Minnesota 0
Colorado 2, New England 1
Los Angeles FC 4, LA Galaxy 2
San Jose 2, Real Salt Lake 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Portland 2, Austin FC 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 1, D.C. United 1
Philadelphia 2, Charlotte FC 2
Columbus 3, Chicago 0
Miami 4, Toronto FC 0
Cincinnati 1, CF Montréal 1
Austin FC 1, New York 1
New York City FC 2, Orlando City 0
Houston 4, Vancouver 1
Nashville 3, Sporting KC 0
Los Angeles FC 0, St. Louis City SC 0
Seattle at Colorado, late
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, late
Minnesota at LA Galaxy, late
San Jose at Portland, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
New York at D.C. United, 7:30
CF Montréal at Atlanta, 7:30
Charlotte FC at Cincinnati, 7:30
Toronto FC at New York City FC, 7:30
Los Angeles FC at Philadelphia, 7:30
New England at Chicago, 8:30
Columbus at FC Dallas, 8:30
Houston at Sporting KC, 8:30
St. Louis City SC at Minnesota, 8:30
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Colorado at Portland, 10:30
Nashville at San Jose, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Miami at Orlando City, 7:30
LA Galaxy at Austin FC, 9:30

Atlanta United 1, D.C. United 1

ATLANTA	1	0	1
D.C. UNITED	0	1	1

First Half: 1, Atlanta, Lobzhanidze, 3 (Wolff), 14th minute.
Second Half: 2, D.C. United, Cordeiro Pirani, 1 (Klich), 80th.
Goalies: Atlanta, Brad Guzan, Quentin Westberg; D.C. United, Alex Bono, Luis Zamudio.
Yellow Cards: Fortune, Atlanta, 61st; Mosquera, Atlanta, 77th; Benteke, D.C. United, 85th; Asad, D.C. United, 88th; Silva, Atlanta, 89th.
Atlanta, Brad Guzan; Luis Abram, Brooks Lennon, Miles Robinson, Caleb Wiley; Thiago Almada, Ajani Fortune (Matheus Rossetto, 72nd), Saba Lobzhanidze (Edwin Mosquera, 60th); Giorgos Giakoumakis (Juan Sanchez, 90th), Tristan Muyumba (Machop Chol, 90th), Tyler Wolff (Xande Silva, 59th).
D.C. United, Alex Bono; Eric Davis, Brendan Hines-Ike, Donovan Pines, Ruan; Gabriel Cordeiro Pirani (Erik Hurtado, 85th), Chris Durkin (Yamil Asad, 62nd), Mateusz Klich (Cristian Dajome, 85th), Russell Canouse; Christian Benteke, Jose Fajardo (Theodore Ku-DiPietro, 62nd).

Crew 3, Fire 0

CHICAGO	0	0	0
COLUMBUS	3	0	3

First Half: 1, Columbus, Hernandez, 11 (penalty kick), 8th minute; 2, Columbus, Hernandez, 12 (penalty kick), 16th; 3, Columbus, Hernandez, 13 (Gressel), 23rd.
Second Half: None.
Goalies: Chicago, Christopher Brady, Spencer Richey; Columbus, Patrick Schulte, Evan Bush.
Yellow Cards: Brady, Chicago, 8th; Souquet, Chicago, 13th; Czichos, Chicago, 33rd; Shaqiri, Chicago, 44th; Koutsias, Chicago, 72nd; Przybylko, Chicago, 74th.
Chicago, Christopher Brady; Daniel Aceves, Rafael Czichos (Carlos Teran, 46th), Mauricio Pineda (Wyatt Omsberg, 29th), Arnaud Souquet (Robert Jonathan Dean Jr, 46th); Ousmane Doumbia, Gaston Gimenez (Fabian Herbers, 57th), Maren Haile-Selassie, Xherdan Shaqiri; Georgios Koutsias, Jairo Torres (Kacper Przybylko, 70th).
Columbus, Patrick Schulte; Malte Amundsen, Rudy Camacho, Julian Gressel (Mohamed Ramzdine Farsi, 46th), Steven Moreira; Alexandru Matan (Kevin Molino, 70th), Aidan Morris (Sean Zawadzki, 46th), Darlington Nagbe (Jimmy Medranda, 82nd); Cucho Hernandez (Christian Ramirez, 69th), Diego Rossi, Yaw Yeboah.

FC Cincinnati 1, CF Montréal 1

CINCINNATI	0	1	1
MONTRÉAL	0	1	1

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Montréal, Opoku, 3 (Lappalainen), 53rd minute; 2, Cincinnati, Acosta, 14 (penalty kick), 90th+7.
Goalies: Cincinnati, Roman Celentano, Alec Kann; Montréal, Jonathan Sirois, James Pantemis.
Yellow Cards: Wanyama, Montréal, 34th; Miazga, Cincinnati, 90th; Arias, Cincinnati, 90th+2; Offor, Montréal, 90th+3; Sirois, Montréal, 90th+5.
Cincinnati, Roman Celentano; Santiago Arias, Nick Hagglund (Bret Halsey, 80th), Matt Miazga, Ian Murphy; Luciano Acosta, Alvaro Barreal, Junior Moreno (Sergio Santos, 85th), Obinna Nwobodo; Aaron Boupendza (Dominique Badji, 66th), Brandon Vazquez (Yuya Kubo, 67th).
Montréal, Jonathan Sirois; George Campbell, Gabriele Corbo, Joel Waterman; Mathieu Choiniere, Bryce Duke (Lassi Lappalainen, 46th), Nathan-Dylan Saliba, Victor Wanyama (Samuel Piette, 82nd); Ariel Lassiter (Ahmed Hamdi, 65th), Kwadwo Opoku (Romell Quioto, 78th), Mason Toye (Chinonso Offor, 66th).

Austin FC 1, Red Bulls 1

AUSTIN FC	1	0	1
NEW YORK RED BULLS	1	0	1

First Half: 1, New York Red Bulls, Rigoni, 7th minute; 2, Austin FC, Driussi, 10 (Valencia), 44th.
Second Half: None.
Goalies: Austin FC, Bradley Stuver, Damian Las; New York Red Bulls, Carlos Miguel, Ryan Meara.
Yellow Cards: Edelman, New York Red Bulls, 8th; Yearwood, New York Red Bulls, 61st; Urruti, Austin FC, 82nd; Lima, Austin FC, 84th.
Austin FC, Bradley Stuver; Jon Gallagher, Nicholas Lima, Leo Vaisanen; Daniel Pereira, Alexander Ring, Jhojan Valencia, Owen Wolff (Ethan Finlay, 83rd); Sebastian Driussi (Memo Rodriguez, 90th+1), Emiliano Rigoni, Maximiliano Urruti (Gyasi Zardes, 83rd).
New York Red Bulls, Carlos Miguel; Kyle Duncan, Sean Nealis, Andres Reyes, John Tolkin; Frankie Amaya, Daniel Edelman (Peter Stroud, 88th), Luquinhas, Dru Yearwood (Jorge Leguin Cabezas Hurtado, 68th); Elias Manoel (Cory Burke, 89th), Dante Vanzeir (Omir Fernandez, 18th, Tom Barlow, 89th).

Inter Miami CF 4, Toronto FC 0

TORONTO FC	0	0	0
MIAMI	1	3	4

First Half: 1, Miami, Farias, 3, 45th+3 minute.
Second Half: 2, Miami, Taylor, 3 (Allen), 54th; 3, Miami, Cremaschi, 2 (Taylor), 73rd; 4, Miami, Taylor, 4 (Farias), 87th.
Goalies: Toronto FC, Tomas Romero, Luka Gavran; Miami, Drake Callender, CJ Dos Santos.
Yellow Cards: None.
Toronto FC, Tomas Romero; Kobe Franklin, Raoul Petretta (Themi Antonoglou, 69th), Sigurd Rosted; Federico Bernardeschi, Alonso Coello (Latif Blessing, 69th), Michael Bradley, Jonathan Osorio, Victor Vazquez (Brandon Servania, 12th, Franco Ibarra, 26th); Lorenzo Insigne, Deandre Kerr (C.J. Sapong, 69th).
Miami, Drake Callender; Jordi Alba (Noah Allen, 34th), Sergey Krivtsov, Kamal Miller, DeAndre Yedlin; Sergio Busquets, Facundo Farias, David Ruiz (Benjamin Cremaschi, 65th); Tomas Agustin Aviles (Dixon Arroyo, 65th), Josef Martinez (Leonardo Campana, 65th), Lionel Messi (Robert Taylor, 38th).

Union 2, Charlotte FC 2

PHILADELPHIA	0	2	2
CHARLOTTE FC	0	2	2

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Charlotte FC, Meram, 4, 55th minute; 2, Charlotte FC, Swiderski, 8 (Bronico), 61st; 3, Philadelphia, Sullivan, 1 (Carranza), 70th; 4, Philadelphia, Gazdag, 13 (penalty kick), 90th+7.
Goalies: Philadelphia, Andre Blake, Joseph Bendik; Charlotte FC, Kristijan Kahlina, George Marks.
Yellow Cards: Martinez, Philadelphia, 52nd; Jozwiak, Charlotte FC, 90th; Westwood, Charlotte FC, 90th+1; Agyemang, Charlotte FC, 90th+10.
Philadelphia, Andre Blake; Jakob Glesnes, Damion Onandi Lowe, Olivier Mbaizo, Kai Wagner; Alejandro Bedoya (Quinn Sullivan, 66th), Jesus Bueno, Jose Martinez (Jack McGlynn, 67th); Thai Baribo (Mikael Uhre, 57th), Chris Donovan (Julian Carranza, 56th), Daniel Gazdag.
Charlotte FC, Kristijan Kahlina; Nathan Byrne, Adilson Malanda, Jere Uronen; Benjamin Bender (Kamil Jozwiak, 77th), Brandt Bronico (Derrick Jones, 77th), Justin Meram (Brecht Dejaegere, 67th), Andrew Privett, Ashley Westwood; Enzo Copetti (Patrick Agyemang, 86th), Karol Swiderski (Scott Arfield, 86th).

New York City FC 2, Orlando City 0

ORLANDO CITY	0	0	0
NEW YORK CITY FC	1	1	2

First Half: 1, New York City FC, Bakrar, 3, 37th minute.
Second Half: 2, New York City FC, Talles Magno, 4 (Jasson), 68th.
Goalies: Orlando City, Pedro Gallese, Mason Stajduhar; New York City FC, Matt Freese, Luis Barraza.
Yellow Cards: Ledezma, New York City FC, 41st; Pereyra, Orlando City, 45th+1; Cartagena, Orlando City, 54th.
Orlando City, Pedro Gallese; Robin Jansson, Rafael Santos (Luca Petrasso, 59th), Rodrigo Schlegel; Cesar Araujo, Wilder Cartagena (Martin Ojeda, 59th), Mauricio Pereyra (Michael Halliday, 80th), Dagur Dan Thorhallsson, Facundo Torres; Ivan Angulo (Gaston Gonzalez, 80th), Ramiro Enrique (Duncan McGuire, 59th).
New York City FC, Matt Freese; Tayvon Gray, Thiago Martins Bueno, Birk Risa; Andres Jasson (Mitja Ilenic, 90th+7), Richard Ledezma (Talles Magno, 59th), Andres Perea (Justin Haak, 90th+2), Santiago Rodriguez (Julian Fernandez, 94th+1), James Sands; Monsef Bakrar (Brian Cufre, 90th+2), Kevin O'Toole.

Nashville SC 3, Sporting KC 0

NASHVILLE	1	2	3
SPORTING KC	0	0	0

First Half: 1, Nashville, Picault, 5 (Lovitz), 29th minute.
Second Half: 2, Nashville, Mukhtar, 15, 66th; 3, Nashville, Maher, 1 (Mukhtar), 76th.
Goalies: Nashville, Joe Willis, Elliot Panicco; Sporting KC, Tim Melia, John Pulskamp.
Yellow Cards: Muyl, Nashville, 52nd; Washington, Nashville, 82nd; Moore, Nashville, 90th+1; Rosero, Sporting KC, 90th+4.
Nashville, Joe Willis; Daniel Lovitz (Taylor Washington, 81st), Jack Maher, Shaq Moore, Walker Zimmerman (Josh Bauer, 69th); Sean Davis (Sam Surridge, 81st), Anibal Godoy (Brian Anunga, 70th), Dax McCarty, Hany Mukhtar, Alex Muyl, Fafa Picault (Jacob Shaffelburg, 87th); .
Sporting KC, Tim Melia; Andreu Fontas (Robert Voloder, 78th), Logan Ndenbe, Dany Rosero; Jake Davis, Nemanja Radoja (Gadi Kinda, 46th), Erik Thommy (Felipe Gutierrez, 75th), Remi Walter; Alan Pulido (William Agada, 71st), Johnny Russell (Marinos Tzionis, 75th), Daniel Salloi.

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA playoffs

Best of three

FIRST ROUND
LIBERTY ELIMINATED MYSTICS, 2-0
Game 1: at New York 90, Washington 75
Game 2: at New York 90, Washington 85 (OT)

ACES ELIMINATED SKY, 2-0
Game 1: at Las Vegas 87, Chicago 59
Game 2: at Las Vegas 92, Chicago 70

SUN AND LYNX TIED, 1-1
Game 1: at Connecticut 90, Minnesota 60
Game 2: Minnesota 82, at Connecticut 75
Game 3: Connecticut 90, at Minnesota 75

WINGS ELIMINATED DREAM, 2-0
Game 1: at Dallas 94, Atlanta 82
Game 2: at Dallas 101, Atlanta 74

SEMIFINALS
SEPT. 24-OCT. 3
Best of five
New York vs. Connecticut/Minnesota winner
Las Vegas vs. Dallas

FINALS
OCT. 8-20
Best of five
Semifinal winners

Sun 90, Lynx 75

CONNECTICUT	26	23	16	25	— 90
MINNESOTA	19	15	15	26	— 75

CONNECTICUT: Bonner 8-13 6-9 25, R.Allen 1-6 0-0 2, Thomas 13-20 2-3 28, Hayes 3-7 0-0 7, Hiedeman 3-5 1-2 8, Carrington 0-2 0-0 0, Nelson-Ododa 1-1 0-0 2, Harris 7-11 0-0 18. **Totals** 36-65 9-14 90.

MINNESOTA: Collier 11-19 7-8 31, Miller 2-6 1-2 6, Juhász 1-4 2-3 4, McBride 3-12 2-2 10, Mitchell 3-6 0-0 6, Carleton 4-5 3-4 13, Milic 1-2 0-0 2, Banham 1-6 0-0 3. **Totals** 26-60 15-19 75.

Three-point Goals: Connecticut 9-20 (Harris 4-6, Bonner 3-6, Hiedeman 1-2, Hayes 1-3, R.Allen 0-3), Minnesota 8-22 (Carleton 2-3, Collier 2-3, McBride 2-7, Banham 1-3, Miller 1-4, Juhász 0-1, Milic 0-1). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Connecticut 35 (Bonner 10), Minnesota 27 (McBride 7). **Assists:** Connecticut 24 (Thomas 12), Minnesota 16 (Mitchell 5). **Total Fouls:** Connecticut 14, Minnesota 16. **A:** 8,724 (19,356)

TENNIS

WTA

GUADALAJARA OPEN

At Panamerican Tennis Center
In Guadalajara, Mexico
Purse: $2,788,468
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16

Caroline Garcia (3), France, def. Hailey Baptiste, United States, 7-5, 6-4; Caroline Dolehide, United States, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova (8), Russia, 6-1, 6-2; Sofia Kenin, United States, def. Jelena Ostapenko (6), Latvia, 6-4, 7-5; Emiliana Arango, Colombia, def. Taylor Townsend, United States, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; Maria Sakkari (2), Greece, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 6-2, 6-2; Leylah Annie Fernandez, Canada, def. Emma Navarro, United States, 6-2, 6-3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16

Aldila Sutjiadi, Indonesia, and Miyu Kato (8), Japan, def. Angela Kulikov, United States, and Ingrid Martins, Brazil, walkover; Jasmine Paolini, Italy, and Mayar Sherif, Egypt, def. Xu Yifan, China, and Tereza Mihalikova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-3; Asia Muhammad and Caroline Dolehide, United States, def. Shuko Aoyama and Ena Shibahara (4), Japan, 6-7 (7-4), 7-5, 10-4; Storm Hunter, Australia, and Elise Mertens (1), Belgium, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-2, 6-2.

PARMA LADIES OPEN

At Tennis Club President in Parma, Italy
Purse: €100,000
Surface: Red clay

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16

Anna-Karolina Schmiedlova (1), Slovakia, def. Reka Luca Jani, Hungary, 6-3, 6-2; Katarzyna Kawa, Poland, def. Aliona Bolsova (8), Spain, 6-4, 6-4; Kaja Juvan (6), Slovenia, def. Chloe Paquet, France, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; Ana Bogdan (2), Romania, def. Katarina Zavatska, Ukraine, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; Anna Bondar (7), Hungary, def. Antonia Ruzic, Croatia, 6-1, 6-4; Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Spain, def. Dalma Galfi, Hungary, 6-1, 6-0; Jaqueline Adina Cristian (5), Romania, def. Eva Vedder, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-3; Viktoriya Tomova (4), Bulgaria, def. Erika Andreeva, Russia, 6-4, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16

Amina Anshba, Russia, and Emily Appleton, Britain, def. Andrea Gamiz, Venezuela, and Aliona Bolsova (2), Spain, 7-6 (7-2), 5-7, 11-9; Irina Khromacheva, Russia, and Dalila Jakupovic (3), Slovenia, def. Astra Sharma, Australia, and Christina Rosca, United States, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

GUANGZHOU INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S OPEN

At Guangzhou International Tennis Center
In Guangzhou, China
Purse: $259,303
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16

Lucia Bronzetti (4), Italy, def. Moyuka Uchijima, Japan, 6-3, 6-3; Magda Linette (1), Poland, def. Daria Saville, Australia, 6-0, 7-6 (0); Rebeka Masarova (5), Spain, def. Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (9-7); Tatjana Maria (3), Germany, def. Zhuoxuan Bai, China, 6-1, 6-2; Wang Xiyu, China, def. Diana Shnaider, Russia, 6-4, 7-5; Greet Minnen (7), Belgium, def. Harriet Dart, Britain, 7-6 (9-7), 6-7 (7-5), 6-4; Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Clara Tauson, Denmark, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 0-0, ret; Viktoria Hruncakova, Slovakia, def. Yuan Yue, China, 7-6 (7-5), 5-7, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16

Sabrina Santamaria, United States, and Yana Sizikova (1), Russia, def. Natela Dzalamidze, Russia, and Quinn Gleason, United States, 6-2, 6-1.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS

Xinyu Jiang and Hanyu Guo, China, def. Magda Linette, Poland, and Moyuka Uchijima (4), Japan, 7-5, 6-3; Katarzyna Piter, Poland, and Anastasia Detiuc (3), Czech Republic, def. Rebeka Masarova, Spain, and Jodie Anna Burrage, Britain, 7-6 (7-3), 2-6, 10-5; Makoto Ninomiya and Eri Hozumi (2), Japan, def. Lidziya Marozava, Belarus, and Diana Shnaider, Russia, 6-4, 4-6, 10-5.

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

THURSDAY'S GAMES
MARYLAND

Northern at Lackey, 7
Northwood at Richard Montgomery, 7
Paint Branch at Walter Johnson, 7
Watkins Mill at Wheaton, 7

FRIDAY'S GAMES
D.C.

Bishop McNamara at Douglass, 4

MARYLAND

Blair at Einstein, 6:30
Blake at Sherwood, 6:30
Broadneck at Glen Burnie, 6
Calvert at Westlake, 7
Chopticon at North Point, 7
Crofton at Meade, 6
Damascus at Poolesville, 7
Glenelg at Reservoir, 7
Howard at Wilde Lake, 7
Huntingtown at La Plata, 7
Kennedy at Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 7
Leonardtown at Thomas Stone, 7
Long Reach at River Hill, 7
Magruder at Clarksburg, 6:30
Marriotts Ridge at Hammond, 7
North County at Old Mill, 6
Northeast at Arundel, 7
Northwest at Seneca Valley, 6:30
Oakland Mills at Mt. Hebron, 7
Patuxent at McDonough, 7
Quince Orchard at Churchill, 6:30
Rockville at Springbrook, 6:30
Severna Park at Chesapeake, 6
South River at Annapolis, 6
Whitman vs. Thomas Johnson, 7
Wootton at Gaithersburg, 7

VIRGINIA

Alexandria City at W.T. Woodson, 7
Battlefield at Freedom (South Riding), 7
Centreville at Oakton, 7
Dominion at Broad Run, 7
Falls Church at Washington-Liberty, 7
FCA Bucks at Jefferson, 7
Freedom (Woodbridge) at Gar-Field, 7
Gainesville at Osbourn Park, 7
Hayfield at South County, 7
Hylton at Woodbridge, 7
James Madison at Chantilly, 7
John Champe at Heritage, 7
Justice at Westfield, 7
Lake Braddock at Fairfax, 7
Lewis at Mount Vernon, 7
Lightridge at Langley, 7
Loudoun County at Loudoun Valley, 7
Manassas Park at Armstrong/Kennedy, 7
Marshall at McLean, 7
Meridian at Brentsville, 7
Oakton at Centreville, 7
Patriot at Unity Reed, 7
Potomac at Forest Park, 7
Potomac Falls at Tuscarora, 7
Rock Ridge at Luray, 7
South Lakes at Herndon, 7
Stone Bridge at Good Counsel, 7
Wakefield at Edison, 7
West Potomac at Robinson, 7
West Springfield at Yorktown, 7

PRIVATE

Belen Jesuit (Fla.) at Gonzaga, 7
Calvert Hall at Archbishop Spalding, 7
Coventry Christian (Pa.) at Model, 7
Gilman at Pallotti, 7
Life Christian Academy at DeMatha, 7
Mt. Zion Prep at St. Michael the Archangel, 7
PACE at Maret, 7
Phelps Architecture, Construction & Engineering at Maret, 7
Potomac School at Landon, 5
Riverdale Baptist at Paul VI, 7
Rock Creek Christian at Malvern Prep (Pa.), 7
Severn at SEED, 4:30
St. Albans at John Paul the Great, 7
St. Mary's (Annapolis) at John Carroll, 7
Stone Bridge at Good Counsel, 7
Virginia Academy at Bullis, 7

SATURDAY'S GAMES
MARYLAND

Centennial at Atholton, 1
Great Mills at St. Charles, noon
Southern at Richard Wright, noon

PRIVATE

Bishop O'Connell at Annapolis Area Christian, 1
Flint Hill at St. Stephen's/St. Agnes, 1
McDonogh at Archbishop Carroll, 2
Mission Viejo (Calif.) at St. John's, 2
St. John's Catholic Prep at Bishop Ireton, noon
Trinity Episcopal at Episcopal, 2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
VOLLEYBALL

D.C.
Jackson-Reed def. Stone Ridge 3-0 (25-9, 25-10, 25-19)
Model def. Richard Wright 3-0 (25-3, 25-2, 25-8)
Maryland
Broadneck def. Maryvale Prep 3-0 (25-19, 25-7, 25-11)
Chesapeake def. Potomac (Md.) 3-0 (25-15, 25-15, 25-18)
Douglass def. Friendly 3-0 (25-23, 25-18, 25-15)
Eleanor Roosevelt def. Wise 3-0 (25-15, 25-12, 25-18)
Huntingtown def. Calvert 3-1
Leonardtown def. Westlake 3-0 (25-19, 25-10, 25-9)
Parkdale def. DuVal 3-2
Richard Montgomery def. Wheaton 3-0 (25-15, 25-12, 25-14)
Oxon Hill def. Central 3-0 (25-10, 25-1, 25-6)
Virginia
Freedom-South Riding def. Osbourn 3-0 (25-8, 25-12, 26-24)

BOYS' SOCCER

D.C.
Coolidge 1, School Without Walls 0
Jackson-Reed 10, Dunbar 0
Maryland
Walter Johnson 4, Gaithersburg 2
Private
St. Stephen's/St. Agnes 11, King Abdullah Academy 1

GIRLS' SOCCER

Maryland
Bethesda-Chevy Chase 10, Damascus 0
Private
Archbishop Spalding 2, Notre Dame Prep 0
Maret 2, Georgetown Day 0
Severn School 2, Concordia Prep 1

FIELD HOCKEY

Maryland
Einstein 3, Blake 0
Howard 1, Atholton 0
Private
Bishop O'Connell 10, St. John Paul the Great 0
Good Counsel 11, St. Mary's Ryken 0

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I Aprajeeta, W/O Sujeet Kumar; D/O Hari Prakash Jha, permanent resident of Shristi Nagar colony, Singhitalli, Post-Basant Nagar, Chandauli, 232101, Uttar Pradesh, India and currently residing at 7704 Adelphi Road, Apt 02, Hyattsville, MD-20783, USA have changed my name to Aprajeeta Jha, for all future purposes.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 1053

Patrick Michael Kildea, Jr.
Adam E. Moskowitz, Esq.
7315 Wisconsin Avenue,
#800 West
Bethesda, MD 20814

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Mary Linda Kildea, whose address is 8303 Rising Ridge Way, Bethesda, MD 20817 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Patrick Michael Kildea, Jr., who died on April 19, 2021 with a will and will service without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 3.21.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 3.21.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Mary Linda Kildea
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 001008

Melton Montgomery Jones
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Ulanda R. Hinkston, whose address is 201 Country Vale, Cibolo, TX 78108 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Melton Montgomery Jones, who died on June 26, 2023 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 3/14/2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 3/14/2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Ulanda R. Hinkston
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

To: Daniel Maurice Poston

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-23-000379. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on October 26, 2021, in Washington, District of Columbia, to Silvie Celine Dionne (DOB: May 14, 1997) and Daniel Maurice Poston (DOB: September 28, 1994) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Orders may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 and phone number (240) 777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 23, 2023, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.



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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 904

Verla P. Hamilton aka Verla Pamela Hamilton
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Jamie D. Hamilton, whose address is 5429 Central Ave SE, Washington, DC 20019 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Verla P. Hamilton aka Verla Pamela Hamilton, who died on November 20, 2022 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 3.7.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 3.7.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Jamie D. Hamilton
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 001052

Estate of
James A. Ferguson
Deceased

NOTICE OF STANDARD PROBATE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in this Court by Jykarta Boykins for PNC Bank, National Association for standard probate, including the appointment of one or more personal representatives. Unless a responsive pleading in the form of a complaint or an objection in accordance with Superior Court Probate Division Rule 407 is filed in this Court within 30 days from the date of first publication of this notice, the Court may take the action hereinafter set forth.
In the absence of a will or proof satisfactory to the Court of due execution, enter an order determining that the decedent died intestate appoint a supervised personal representative.

Alyssa L. Szymczyk, Esq.
Counsel for Petitioner
1602 Village Market Blvd 310
Leesburg, VA 20175
703-777-7101
PETITIONER
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 1003

Eve Maria Ferguson
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Claire Oberon Garcia, whose address is 750 E. Boulder St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Eve Maria Ferguson, who died on May 11, 2023 without a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 3.7.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 3.7.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Claire Oberon Garcia
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
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Notice of Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of Rockville, MD will conduct a hybrid, both virtual and in person, public hearing on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard both in person, in the Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland and virtually, in connection with Right of Way Abandonment Application No. SCA2024-00001, Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicant.

Said application seeks the permanent closing and abandonment of a 1,937 square foot portion of the unimproved Joseph Street right of way between the intersections with Maple Avenue and Grandin Avenue.

For more detailed information on the above application, contact Gina Arnett, Senior Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works, at garnett@rockvillemd.gov, or 240-314-8517.

Speak virtually for Community Forum and Public Hearings.

Virtual Speakers
Virtual Speakers should follow the instructions in the Agenda Center at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter as written on page 1 of the Agenda Packet.

In-Person Attendance
Community members attending in-person who wish to speak during Community Forum, or a Public Hearing should sign up using the form at the entrance to the Mayor and Council Chamber. **In-person speakers will be called upon in the order they are signed to speak before virtual speakers.**

Viewing Mayor and Council Meetings
The virtual meetings can be viewed on Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11, and available a day after each meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand.

How to Participate in the Public Hearing
Persons wishing to testify at the hearing are asked to call 240-314-8280 before
10:00 a.m. on the date of the hearing to have their names placed on the speakers' list.

If you wish to submit comments in writing for the Public Hearing, please email the comments to **mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov** by no later than 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. Persons submitting testimony are requested to provide their name and address.

If you wish to participate virtually in the Public Hearing during the live Mayor and Council meeting, please send your name, address, and phone number to **mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov** no later than 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. You will be contacted on the day of the meeting via email by the City's Information Technology Department to receive all the information you need to join the meeting by audio to share your comments.

Written comments may also be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850, or forwarded by email to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov. Comments received after 10:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing will not be available to the Mayor and Council at the public hearing and will be provided to the Mayor and Council at a later date.

Mayor and Council of Rockville
By: Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville will conduct a hybrid, both virtual and in person, public hearing on **Monday, October 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD, in connection with the Draft Pedestrian Master Plan for the City of Rockville, an Amendment to the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The plan will help guide the development, construction, and maintenance of safe, convenient, and equitable walking and rolling facilities throughout the city. This project builds on the success of Vision Zero – a pledge to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries. A major part of the Vision Zero Action Plan is to improve the pedestrian experience to provide safer pathways throughout Rockville and to develop a Master Plan to guide these efforts. The Mayor and Council may recommend modifications to the draft plan after the public hearing.

The draft plan may be accessed online at: https://engagerockville.com/pedestrian-master-plan. If assistance is required to access the document, or more information is needed, please contact Pedestrian and Bicycle Coordinator Bryan Barnett-Woods at bbwoods@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8527.

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Mayor and Council of Rockville
By: Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

SHANNON MENAPACE
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff

V.

JAPHETH K. KALUYU
Defendant

Civil No.: 432508V

NOTICE OF SALE

11784 Carriage House Dr # 58, Silver Spring, MARYLAND 20904
Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY COUNTY this **18th day of September, 2023** that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by SYDNEY ROBERSON, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18th day of October, 2023**, provided, a copy of this notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST a newspaper published in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, once in each of three successive weeks, before the **18th day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be **$152,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk, Circuit Court for
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,

V.

JAMES PATRICK REIDY, et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C-15-CV-22-004499

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **12th day of September, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **1111 UNIVERSITY BLVD W UNIT #1010 SILVER SPRING, MD 20902**, reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **12th day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in MONTGOMERY County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **12th day of October, 2023**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$99,200.00**.

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
50 MARYLAND AVENUE
ROCKVILLE, MD 20850-2393

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Estate of Shirley A. Stroud , Surviving Tenant by the Entirety of
Thomas Melvin Stroud, Deceased
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-23-002290

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)
ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **19 day of September, 2023**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **7306 Epping Avenue, Fort Washington, MD 20744** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel and Joanna Foronda, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **19 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **19 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$288,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #793

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
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Potomac, MD 20854

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from DAVID A. LEFF AND MARTHA L. LEFF, dated March 26, 2004 and recorded in Liber 27057, folio 242 MODIFIED ON JULY 1, 2004 IN LIBER 27843 FOLIO 700 AND MODIFIED ON NOVEMBER 28, 2006 IN LIBER 33667 FOLIO 537; among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.480377V; Tax ID No.10-00863943) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on
OCTOBER 3, 2023 at 1:30 PM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A PRIOR MORTGAGE.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $15,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 20-700045)

JAMES E. CLARKE,
CHRISTINE M. DREXEL,
BRIAN THOMAS,
JASON MURPHY,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

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Sep 14,21,28 2023 0012434206

SHERIFF'S SALE VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT:
By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the District Court for **Montgomery County**, Maryland, and to me as Sheriff of said County, directed at the suit of Council of Unit Owners of Ashmore at Germantown vs. Kossi Agboyibor in the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland Case No. 06-02-0009121-2020 have this 1st day of June 2023, seized and taken into execution all the right and title, claim, interest, and estate, at the time the judgment became a lien on the property, both at law and in equity of the said Kossi Agboyibor, of, in, to, and about the following described property to wit:

Real property of Kossi Agboyibor, located at 19615 Galway Bay Circle, #204, Germantown, MD 20874 and further described as Residential Unit 19615-204 as shown on a plat of condominium in subdivision entitled ASHMORE AT GERMANTOWN CONDOMINIUM I recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland at Condominium Plats No. 9022 through 9030; and as per Declaration of Condominium recorded in Liber 31918 at folio 429 among the aforesaid Land Records.

Said Condominium is situate on Land Unit 8 as shown on a plat of condominium subdivision entitled ASHMORE AT GERMANTOWN SITE CONDOMINIUM recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland at Condominium Plats No. 9015 through 9021; and as per Declaration of Condominium recorded in Liber 31904 at folio 525 among the aforesaid Land Records.

Parking Units 86 and 105 as shown on a plat of condominium subdivision entitled ASHMORE AT GERMANTOWN SITE CONDOMINIUM recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland at Condominium Plays No. 9015 through 9021; and as per Declaration of Condominium recorded in Liber 31904 at folio 525 among the aforesaid Land Records.

Being the same property conveyed unto Kossi Agboyibor by deed recorded in Liber 33627 at Folio 082 among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Purchasers should be aware that they are purchasing Kossi Agboyibor's interest only. The described property will be sold subject to reservations of title, subject to liens of records, and to all claims known and unknown. To obtain clear title, the cost of conveyance and outstanding senior liens must be paid by the purchaser.

I hereby give notice that I will sell all the right, title, claim, interest and estate both in law and in equity of the said Kossi Agboyibor, and, of, in, to, and about the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Maryland Avenue entrance of the Judicial Center, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland on **October 11th, 2023 at 10:00 am**.

TERMS OF SALE:A deposit of **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale, balance due within 10 days after ratification from the courts. Deposit and remaining balance must be paid in U.S. currency, certified check, or cashier's check. No personal or business checks will be accepted. To be eligible to bid you must have a government issued photo ID (i.e., Driver's License) and **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** deposit in hand.
In the event of default by said purchaser and at their risk and expenses, the Sheriff may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the premises. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales. The forfeited deposit, less expenses, will be credited towards the judgment after the final ratification. This sale will be final after ratification from the courts.

Maxwell C. Uy, Sheriff
Montgomery County, Maryland

Sep 21 2023 0012436279

850 Montgomery County

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703-777-7101

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
15521 Kruhm Road
Burtonsville, MD 20866

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from STEPHANIE POPOVICI AND CHRISTOPHER ROGERS, dated June 30, 2006 and recorded in Liber 32955, folio 778 MODIFIED ON MARCH 1, 2015 IN LIBER 50794 FOLIO 367 AND RE-RECORDED IN LIBER 33004 FOLIO 397; among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-000013; Tax ID No.05-00275261) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on
OCTOBER 3, 2023 at 1:30 PM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $45,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-009670)

JAMES E. CLARKE,
CHRISTINE M. DREXEL,
JOANNA FORONDA,
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Sep 14,21,28 2023 0012432822

SHERIFF'S SALE VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT:
By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the District Court for **Montgomery County**, Maryland, and to me as Sheriff of said County, directed at the suit of Columbia Towers Condominium vs. Adriane C. Jemmott in the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland Case No. 0601-0011851-2019 have this 10th day of April 2023, seized and taken into execution all the right and title, claim, interest, and estate, at the time the judgment became a lien on the property, both at law and in equity of the said Adriane C. Jemmott, of, in, to, and about the following described property to wit:

Real property of Adriane C. Jemmott, located at 12001 Old Columbia Pike #503, Silver Spring, MD 20904 and further described as All that certain condominium situate in the County of Montgomery, State of Maryland, being known and designated as Condominium Unit Numbered 12001-503 in the "Columbia Towers Condominium", as established pursuant to Declaration made by Columbia Towers Limited Partnership, a Maryland Limited Partnership, dated August 12, 1975 and recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland in Liber 4677 at folio 70, et seq., and pursuant to the Plats and Plans for Columbia Towers Condominium, as per plats recorded in Condominium Plat Book 16 at Plats numbered 1591 through 1604, both inclusive.

Being the same property conveyed unto Adriane C. Jemmott by deed recorded in Liber 30711 at Folio 287 among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Purchasers should be aware that they are purchasing Adriane C. Jemmott's interest only. The described property will be sold subject to reservations of title, subject to liens of records, and to all claims known and unknown. To obtain clear title, the cost of conveyance and outstanding senior liens must be paid by the purchaser.

I hereby give notice that I will sell all the right, title, claim, interest and estate both in law and in equity of the said Adriane C. Jemmott, and, of, in, to, and about the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Maryland Avenue entrance of the Judicial Center, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland on October 11th, 2023 at 10:15 am.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale, balance due within 10 days after ratification from the courts. Deposit and remaining balance must be paid in U.S. currency, certified check, or cashier's check. No personal or business checks will be accepted. To be eligible to bid you must have a government issued photo ID (i.e., Driver's License) and **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** deposit in hand.

In the event of default by said purchaser and at their risk and expenses, the Sheriff may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the premises. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales. The forfeited deposit, less expenses, will be credited towards the judgment after the final ratification. This sale will be final after ratification from the courts.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
2701 Linden Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Account ID 13-03532774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated December 23, 2021 and recorded on December 30, 2021 in Book 64943 at Page 337 from AVAMERE NPS STABLES LLC ("Borrower"), as grantor, to RUSSELL S. DRAZIN ("Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of WCP FUND I LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note ("Note") dated December 23, 2021 in the principal amount of $3,135,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County located at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on
OCTOBER 6, 2023 AT 10:05 AM
ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland, commonly known as 2701 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $360,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate in effect under the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Cost of all documentary stamps (recordation taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

If Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

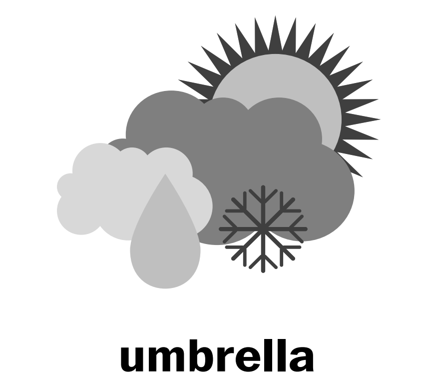
Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Trustee

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
19821 Bramble Bush Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20879**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARIA F. ALFARO AND CECILIA D. ROMERO, dated February 17, 2017 and recorded in Liber 53956, folio 113 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-22-001199; Tax ID No.09-018589601) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $45,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 20-700204)

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
2725 Cassedy Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Account ID 13-03532945**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated November 18, 2021 and recorded on November 24, 2021 in Book 64693 at Page 58 from AVAMERE NPS CARPENTERS LLC ("Borrower"), as grantor, to RUSSELL S. DRAZIN ("Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of WCP FUND I LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note ("Note") dated November 18, 2021 in the principal amount of $4,012,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County located at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on

OCTOBER 6, 2023 AT 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland, commonly known as 2725 Cassedy Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $400,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate in effect under the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Cost of all documentary stamps (recordation taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

If Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
20600 Georgia Avenue
Brookeville, MD 20833**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from EDWARD L. STULL, dated July 10, 2006 and recorded in Liber 33844, folio 523 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-001757; Tax ID No.08-02108562) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-006855)

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
13652 Ambassador Dr #13652,
Germantown, MD 20874**

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 13652 Ambassador Dr #13652, Germantown, MD 20874. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated March 25, 2017, and recorded in Liber 54271 at Page 100 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of $257,834.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **October 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 02-02639755

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293324.

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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717 Ludlow Street
Takoma Park, MD 20912**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from EVE MARIE DEVALIERE, dated February 18, 2020 and recorded in Liber 59268, folio 368 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-001467; Tax ID No.13-01162632) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 at 1:30 PM

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The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $40,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-010545)

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
11 Lavenham Place
Gaithersburg, MD 20877**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MEMUNA MANSARAY, dated June 24, 2005 and recorded in Liber 30317, folio 26 MODIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 IN LIBER 41501 FOLIO 403; among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY,** MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C15CV23001772; Tax ID No.09-02695705) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 at 1:30 PM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit $40,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-008499)

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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930 Wayne Avenue, Apartment 806
Silver Spring, MD 20910**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from TINEEPORN NGAMSAAD, dated March 29, 2007 and recorded in Liber 34131, folio 610 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-001696; Tax ID No.03579521) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

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Terms of Sale: A deposit $15,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-003042)

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
14813 Hammersmith Circle
Silver Spring, MD 20906**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MUNA KUN, dated May 5, 2006 and recorded in Liber 32309, folio 120 RE-RECORDED IN LIBER 33484 FOLIO 482; among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-000330; Tax ID No.13-02444368) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A PRIOR MORTGAGE.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $30,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 21-001608)

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
6720 Fairfax Road
Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARY LOU DELL, dated October 14, 2005 and recorded in Liber 31126, folio 728 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-000112; Tax ID No.07-00446903) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 at 1:30 PM

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The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $10,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-009217)

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
3536 Childress Terrace, Burtonsville, MD 20866**

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3536 Childress Terrace, Burtonsville, MD 20866. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 30, 2003, and recorded in Liber 24590 at Page 598 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of $167,300.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **October 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 05-02392355

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

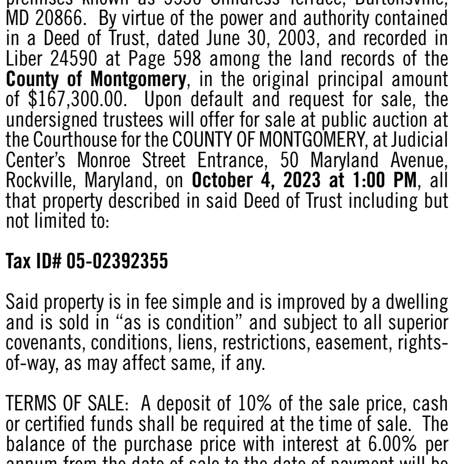
Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293842.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
20208 Maple Leaf Ct
Montgomery Village, MD 20886

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from PASCAL N. NOUNA AND CARINE N. NOUNA, dated June 20, 2018 and recorded in Liber 56299, folio 071 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-001027; Tax ID No.09-01770764) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 at 1:30 PM

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The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $35,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-012952)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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2306 GREEN GINGER CIR.
ACCOKEEK, MD 20607

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 3, 2005, recorded in Liber 22690, Folio 258 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $436,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:38 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $36,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 353453-1)

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110 AUTUMN LAKE WAY
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 23, 2001, recorded in Liber 14956, Folio 298 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $218,732.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:36 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 316069-4)

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 14, 2009, recorded in Liber 31099, Folio 379 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $297,470.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:34 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356787-1)

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HYATTSVILLE, MD 20783

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 9, 2007, recorded in Liber 29343, Folio 528 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $400,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:32 AM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $32,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 84278-1)

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5502 TRENT ST.
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 13, 2016, recorded in Liber 38861, Folio 326 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $266,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:30 AM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356296-2)

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3832 ROCK SPRING DR.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 18, 2019, recorded in Liber 43338, Folio 309 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $415,850.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:28 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $41,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355507-1)

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7720 WILLOW HILL DR.
LANDOVER A/R/T/A HYATTSVILLE, MD 20785

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 15, 2003, recorded in Liber 17420, Folio 165 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $191,173.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:26 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $13,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 342604-4)

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5007 BOYDELL AVE.
OXON HILL, MD 20745

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2006, recorded in Liber 29483, Folio 468 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $247,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:24 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 54207-1)

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2308 ROMNEY CT.
LANDOVER, MD 20785

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 6, 2022, recorded in Liber 47844, Folio 193 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $280,721.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:22 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 361411-1)

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**11413 ROSEDALE LN.
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 7, 2004, recorded in Liber 19690, Folio 707 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $138,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:20 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $9,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359374-1)
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**3520 GOLDEN HILL DR.
BOWIE, MD 20721**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 25, 2006, recorded in Liber 28526, Folio 561 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $412,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:16 AM

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**4306 SHELL ST.
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 14, 2007, recorded in Liber 28048, Folio 679 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $270,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $13,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 334397-1)
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**6817 JAMES FARMER WAY
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 5, 2010, recorded in Liber 31678, Folio 546 and re-recorded in Liber 42852, Folio 93 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $90,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:14 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $6,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 353555-1)
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**5010 WHEELER RD.
OXON HILL, MD 20745**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 28, 2006, recorded in Liber 24783, Folio 46 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $252,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:10 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 360531-1)
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**9808 LAKE POINTE CT., UNIT #101
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 12, 2015, recorded in Liber 37997, Folio 204 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $194,004.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 11:18 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit No. 101, Building 10, Phase V, of LAKE POINTE AT THE TOWN CENTRE CONDOMINIUM and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $17,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 363084-1)
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**2917 LAKE FOREST DR.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 13, 2016, recorded in Liber 39141, Folio 189 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $481,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 11:14 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $47,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 342435-2)
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**7 WHIST PL.
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 12, 2013, recorded in Liber 35607, Folio 446 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $129,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 11:16 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $11,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. MD-361782-1)
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**8210 DANGERFIELD PL.
CLINTON, MD 20735**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 8, 2015, recorded in Liber 37144, Folio 449 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $164,326.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 11:10 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $14,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 362628-1)
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**4109 NEW HAVEN DR.
BOWIE, MD 20716**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 13, 2015, recorded in Liber 36976, Folio 536 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $371,153.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 11:12 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $38,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356834-1)
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to LAWYERS TITLE REALTY SERVICES INC, Trustee(s), dated September 5, 2013, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 35236 , folio 188 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 15, BLOCK C, THE PRESERVE AT PISCATAWAY, BAILEY'S VILLAGE, AS SHOWN ON PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 216 PAGE 76 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $44,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 5.5 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (17-06209)

THOMAS W. HODGE, GENE JUNG,
LAURA D. HARRIS, ROBERT M. OLIVERI,
CHRISTINE JOHNSON, SCOTT ROBINSON AND
LOUIS GINGHER, Substitute Trustees

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410-769-9797

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
1700 Crimson Place,
Bowie, MD 20721

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 1700 Crimson Place, Bowie, MD 20721. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated September 25, 2020, and recorded in Liber 44276 at Page 108 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $345,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **October 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 13-3053402

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-292040.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
1100 El Paso Circle
Lusby, MD 20657

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to LESLIE J. KEIDEL, Trustee(s), dated November 19, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of **CALVERT COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 03089, folio 615-625, MODIFIED AUGUST 28, 2017, IN BOOK 5052, PAGE 0184 the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 at 12:45PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT 186, IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "SECTION 5-R, CHESAPEAKE RANCH ESTATES", AS PER PLAT RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND IN LIBER JLB 2 AT FOLIO 17

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $18,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.75% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (16-18748)

THOMAS W. HODGE, GENE JUNG,
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
5275 LEESBURG PIKE
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA 22041
PARCEL ID NO: 0623-01-0038B

In execution of a Credit Line Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated October 30, 2019, by and among 5275 Sky 7 – Propco, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Grantor, to Carol C. Honigberg and Brent R. Gary, Original Trustees, and Voya Investment Management Co. LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Original Beneficiary, securing the principal sum of up to $72,099,000.00, recorded November 4, 2019, in Deed Book 25965, Page 0941, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of **Fairfax County**, Virginia (the "Land Records"); as assigned to Oconee Real Estate Holdings II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Noteholder") by Assignment of Deed of Trust and Assignment of Leases and Rents dated August 31, 2023, and recorded on September 12, 2023, in Deed Book 27992, Page 0258, among the Land Records (collectively, the "Deed of Trust"); the undersigned Substitute Trustees, at the direction of the Noteholder, will offer for sale at public auction:

The real property and improvements thereon located at 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, all of which is more particularly described in the Deed of Trust to which reference is hereby made, and also being identified by Tax Parcel Number 0623-01-0038B (the "Real Property"), together with all personal property described in the Deed of Trust which is used at or in connection with the Real Property or is located thereon, including but not limited to all machinery, apparatus, equipment, goods, systems, building materials, carpeting, furnishings, fixtures, fittings, furniture, and property of every kind and nature whatsoever, now or hereafter located in or upon or affixed to the Real Property and described in the Deed of Trust owned by Grantor which is used at or in connection with the Real Property or is located thereon (collectively the "Personalty"), as permitted by Section 8.9A-604 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Personalty shall not include any property belonging to tenants of the Grantor at the Real Property. The Real Property and the Personalty are collectively referred to herein as the "Property." Such sale of the Property shall not terminate or otherwise affect the lien of the Deed of Trust on any other real or personal property encumbered thereby.

The Property described above shall be sold at 11:00 A.M., local time, on October 4, 2023, (the "Date of Sale"), in front of the courthouse of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD "AS IS, WHERE IS" AND "WITH ALL FAULTS"; NEITHER THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES NOR THE NOTEHOLDER MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES AS TO THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY, PHYSICAL CONDITION, ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION, CONSTRUCTION, WORKMANSHIP, MATERIALS, HABITABLITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, MERCHANTABILITY, ZONING OR RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ALL OR ANY PART OF THE PROPERTY BEING SOLD.

The Property shall be sold subject to the following: (a) matters known or unknown, conditions, restrictions, rights-of-way, easements, reservations, filed and unfiled mechanics and materialmen's liens, to the extent any of the foregoing, recorded or unrecorded, may lawfully apply to the Property being sold, or any part thereof, and take priority over the liens or security interest of the Deed of Trust; (b) all leases in effect on the Date of Sale and any and all modifications thereto to the extent as may be permitted by applicable law, except for any such leases that the successful bidder (the "Purchaser") elects to be extinguished by the foreclosure sale as may be permitted by applicable law; provided, however, no assurances or representations are made as to the existence, survival, or terms of any such leases (or any security deposits pursuant thereto), and no credit shall be given against the purchase price if no such security deposits are transferred to the Purchaser, and neither the Noteholder nor the Substitute Trustees make any express or implied warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of any information regarding the Property that may be made available to a prospective purchaser, the Purchaser having the sole responsibility to confirm the status of all such matters and any resulting liabilities of the Purchaser to third parties; and (c) any matters or conditions announced by the Substitute Trustees at sale.

All prospective purchasers recognize and agree that any investigation, examination, or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner(s) or other parties in possession and their agents and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees, the Noteholder, or their successors or assigns. Risk of loss or damage to the Property shall be borne by the Purchaser from and after the time of the sale. Real estate taxes and all other public charges and assessments shall be adjusted for the current tax year to the Date of Sale, and the Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of such taxes and charges beginning on the Date of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $3,250,000.00, being approximately five percent (5%) of the unpaid balance secured by the Deed of Trust, will be required in the form of a cashier's check at the time of sale drawn on a financial institution acceptable to the Substitute Trustees and the Noteholder in their sole and absolute discretion, and such check must be delivered to the Substitute Trustees by each party desiring to bid on the Property, except that no deposit shall be required of the Noteholder or its nominee. At the conclusion of the bidding, the Substitute Trustees will return deposits to unsuccessful bidders. The balance of the purchase price will be due by wire transfer or other form of payment acceptable to the Substitute Trustees. The terms of sale shall be complied with by the successful bidder within thirty (30) days from date of auction. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the Grantor did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale. Upon acceptance of its bid by the Substitute Trustees, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale in the form made available for inspection prior to this sale, which Memorandum of Sale will contain an express waiver of any cause of action against the Substitute Trustees and/or the Noteholder with respect to the condition or suitability of the Property (including as to the Property being in compliance with any federal, state, or local laws, regulations or rulings, particularly any laws, regulations or rulings relating to environmental contamination or hazardous wastes), and will include additional terms of sale. **Time shall be of essence with respect to settlement.** Any extensions of the settlement date shall be in the sole discretion of Substitute Trustees. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to withdraw the Property from the sale if they deem the highest bid or bids to be inadequate. Should the successful bidder default in making settlement, the Substitute Trustees shall be entitled to enforce all rights against the Purchaser as set forth in the Memorandum of Sale, including, but not limited to, the right to retain the deposit and resell the Property at the cost and risk of the defaulting successful bidder. After such default and forfeiture, the Property may, at the discretion of the Substitute Trustees, be sold to the next highest bidder of the Property whose bid was acceptable to the Substitute Trustees. All costs of settlement and conveyance, examination of title, recording taxes, costs and charges, title insurance premiums, etc., shall be at the cost of the Purchaser. In the event the Substitute Trustees do not execute a deed of conveyance, the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be refund of the deposit. The Property shall be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed and/or (as to the Personalty) Bill of Sale without warranties or representations. It shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser to determine the status of any management, maintenance, service or equipment contracts and make its own arrangements for assuming such contracts if it desires. The Substitute Trustees make no representations or warranties as to whether such contracts exist or are assignable. Obtaining possession of the Property shall be the sole responsibility of Purchaser, and the Substitute Trustees will not deliver possession of all or any part of the Property being sold. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to amend or supplement the terms of sale by verbal announcement at the sale or to modify the requirements for bidder's deposits.

William K. Lewis, Substitute Trustee
Daniel Vall-Llobera, Substitute Trustee

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Estate of Aisha S Washington
6978 Hanover Parkway,
Unit 201
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Defendant(s)

Case No. CAEF22-26713

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **18 day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland that the sale of **6978 Hanover Parkway, Unit 201, Greenbelt, MD 20770**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18 day** of **October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted The Washington Post in a daily newspaper printed in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the **18 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$135,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland #793

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436429

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

MARK H. WITTSTADT
JUSTIN T. HOY
Substitute Trustees
1966 Greenspring Dr, Ste LL2
Lutherville Timonium,
Maryland 21093

V

Wilma A Joseph
10119 Prince Pl #102-2C
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
20774 Defendant

CASE# C-16-CV-23-001593

NOTICE

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County this **6 day of September, 2023**, that the foreclosure sale of the real property known as **10119 Prince Pl #102-2C Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774**, being the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Mark H. Wittstadt, Justin T. Hoy, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **6 day of October, 2023**. Provided a copy of this Order is inserted in some daily newspaper printed in Prince George's County, once in each of three successive weeks, before the **6 day of October, 2023.** The Report states the amount of the Foreclosure Sale to be$ **83,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Prince George's County,
Maryland #769

Sep 14,21,28 2023 0012435367

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

v.

The Estate of
Glendora Queen aka
Glendora Marie Collins-Queen
Estate of Glendora Queen
2104 Redwood Terrace
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-001093

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **18 day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **2104 Redwood Terrace, Temple Hills, MD 20748**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the day **18 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$281,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland #793

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436428

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

Robert Joseph Chapin AKA
Robert J Chapin
Defendant(s)

Civil No.
C-16-CV-23-002629

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **18 day of September, 2023,** that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **500 69th St, Capitol Heights, MD 20743** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel and Joanna Foronda, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **18 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$117,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #769

Orlans 23-003381

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436418

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ROBERT A. JONES, et al
Plaintiffs, Substitute Trustees

V.

LIVING SPRING INSTITUTE LLC
Defendant(s)

Civil Action No.
C-16-CV-23-001327

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **18 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **7241 Hanover Parkway Suite C and D, Greenbelt, MD 20770** will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County before the **18 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale to be **$196,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND #769

SIWPC File# 82899

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436416

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Ashley Minor
2019 North Anvil Lane
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-001609

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this day **18 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **2019 North Anvil Lane, Temple Hills, MD 20748**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **18 day of October, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$261,450.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland #793

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436424

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

Estate of Larry D. Taylor AKA
Larry Dehaven Taylor
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-23-000586

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, **this 18 day of September, 2023**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **13948 King George Way #334, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel and Joanna Foronda, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **18 day of October, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$228,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #769

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Keisha Marcia Harris and
Wynora Antoinette Harris
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-22-000237

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **18 day of September, 2023**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **3615 Gramby St, Hyattsville, MD 20784** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel and Joanna Foronda, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **18 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$258,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #793

Orlans 22-002333

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436422

855 Charles County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane Rosenberg, et al.
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Betheda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Joshua E Dudley
12 Mattingly Avenue
Indian Head, MD 20640
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-08-CV-23-000052

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **18th day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland, that the sale of **12 Mattingly Avenue, Indian Head, MD 20640**, made and reported, will be ratified and confiremd, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on oe before the **19th day of October, 2023,** provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **18th, day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$179,400.00**.

Lisa E. Yates
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Charles County, Maryland

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436432

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane Rosenberg, et al.
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Estate of Brian C Johnson
2113 Essex Court
Waldorf, MD 20602
Defendants(s)

Case No. C-08-CV-22-000661

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **12th day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland, that the sale of **2113 Essex Court, Waldorf, MD 20602,** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **13th day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in the The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **12th, day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$219,000.00**.

Lisa E. Yates
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Charles County, Maryland

Sep 14,21,28 2023 0012435616

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES, COUNTY MARYLAND

DIANA THEOLOGOU,
Substitute Trustee, et al,
Plaintiffs,

v.

RODNEY A. WILLIAMS, ET. AL.,
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-08-CV-23-000216

NOTICE

Ordered this **1 day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for CHARLES County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **10321 Whittier Court, White Plains, MD 20695** mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported Diana Theologou, et. al, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrart therof be shown on or before the **3 day of October, 2023** next, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the **2 day of October, 2023** next. The report states the amount of sale to be **$559,124.31**.

Lisa E. Yates
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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ERIC D. VANDELINDE
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Plaintiff

v.

MARIANNA J. KLEIN
Defendant

Civil No.: C-13-CV-22-000020

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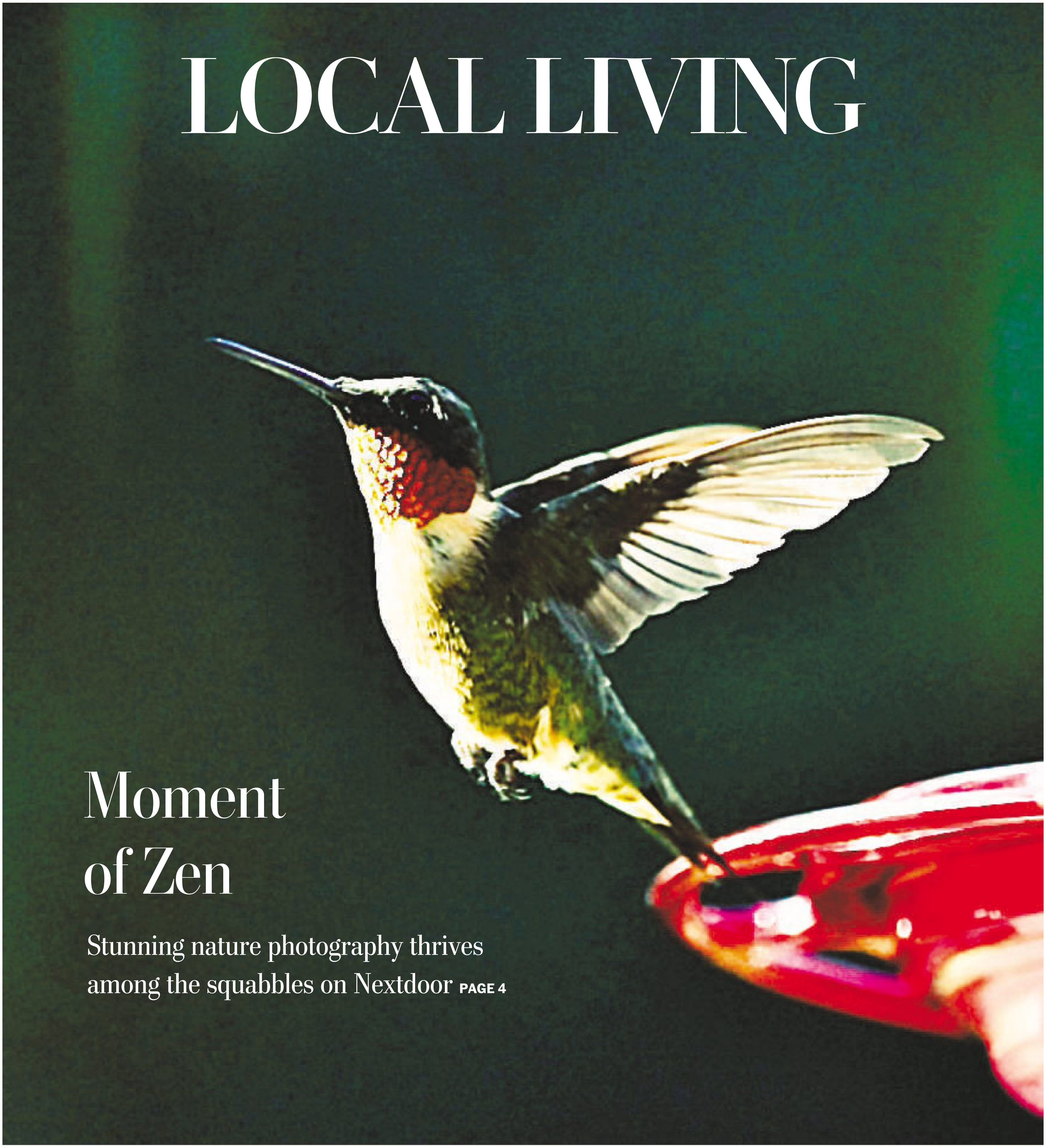
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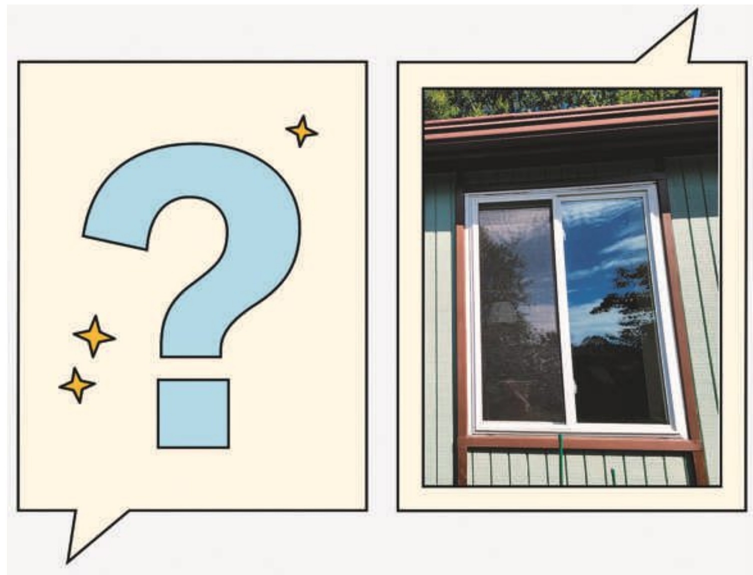
BY JEANNE HUBER

Q: We recently purchased an older home that apparently had replacement vinyl windows installed about 20 years ago. The white window frames do not match or complement the house. Is it possible to paint the exterior frames to match the trim, and if so, what is the best way to do that? Although the windows are rather old, they do have a lifetime warranty. Would painting the frames void that?

A: You'll find a lot of contradictory advice on the web, including statements that paint will or won't stick to vinyl and warnings that dark paint will make vinyl window frames warp and fail. But, yes, it is possible to paint vinyl windows. And, yes, it would probably void the warranty.

One indication that vinyl can be painted is this: Milgard, a major window manufacturer in the western half of the country, sells vinyl windows with a painted finish — even in very dark colors — that come with a bottle of touch-up paint from the same batch applied at the factory. A manager at one of the company's manufacturing plants said they even refer customers who want to paint or repaint vinyl windows to a local paint company. Yet on the Milgard website, where one of the frequently asked questions is "Can I paint my vinyl windows?" the answer is "Painting your vinyl windows is considered an alteration to the vinyl finish and will result in the warranty being voided."

It's worth evaluating how much you should be concerned about the warranty. Depending on how the warranty for your windows is worded, you might not be able to collect anything now, regardless of whether you paint. Many warranties cover repairs only for the original purchaser. Warranties that are transferrable may set different conditions once the original owner sells. And replacements for glass units that become cloudy may last for only a limited time, such as 20 years, regardless of who owns the house. So you need to check the wording. If you don't have the warranty, you can look it up online or by calling the manufacturer, but you need to know the type of window and when it was made. Some manufacturers stamp a code on the spacer bar that separates the glass panes. Others put a sticker with a code on the frame. The Fenestration and Glazing


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Industry Alliance has an online guide to websites that can translate the code into a manufacturer name and product line. If you can't decipher the code or even find one, a local store that sells windows and doors may be able to help.

Once you're over the hurdle of whether to worry about voiding the warranty, decide whether you really want to paint. Yes, you'd get to switch to a color you like better. The downside is that the paint might need to be redone after some number of years, meaning that you'd be converting window frames that essentially need no maintenance (other than cleaning) into ones that might need periodic repainting.

Over the years, many homeowners have had disastrous experiences caused by painting vinyl siding. Vinyl expands and contracts significantly as it heats. Light colors reflect wavelengths from the sun, which include the infrared wavelengths that translate to heat, while dark colors absorb them. So painting light-colored vinyl siding a darker color can cause the vinyl to expand and bubble out from the wall, and once that happens, the only way to get a good-looking wall again is to replace the siding. Vinyl window framing isn't likely to warp as much, simply because framing pieces are a lot shorter than a typical siding piece. But window frames have corners that need to stay tightly closed, and the framing needs to hold the glass in place — a real challenge if the vinyl expands too much, because glass doesn't expand as much. This adds stress on the sealant that keeps the glass in place.

To avoid problems with painting vinyl siding, painters for years have been told never to switch to a darker color and to use colors with a light reflectance value of 55 or greater. (This scale goes from 0, which absorbs all light, to 100, which reflects all light. Most paint chips list the LRV on the back.)

But major paint manufacturers, including Benjamin Moore and Sherwin-Williams, offer a palette of "vinyl safe" colors that include darker shades, even some close to the reddish brown trim color shown in the photograph of your house. For example, among the Benjamin Moore vinyl-safe colors are Georgian Brick, "a foundational reddish brown that looks at home in rustic or sophisticated spaces," with an LRV of 15.46, and Rich Chestnut, "a russet red that pairs beautifully with wood and other rustic textures," with an LRV of only 12.32.

What makes these dark colors okay for vinyl siding even though they absorb so much light? "They don't use black," said Fabian Navarro, one of the people who answers consumers' questions for Benjamin Moore. A person in a similar role at Sherwin-Williams named Jeff also said the pigments in the paint are what make the difference.

Yes, it is possible to paint vinyl windows. And, yes, it would probably void the warranty.

David Underwood, associate technical project manager at Benjamin Moore, explained more in an email. "The vinyl-safe palette has unique prescriptions based on reflectance value of each pigment used to achieve the final color," he wrote. "These special prescriptions produce colors with a heat reflectance of 55 or higher, while the non-vinyl-safe prescriptions could be much lower depending on the color — which are fine for more stable substrates such as wood or masonry."

Sherwin-Williams, in a PDF about its vinyl-safe colors, shows the dramatic difference in how sample pieces of vinyl fared when painted: The sample with a standard gray paint warped noticeably, while the one with a vinyl-safe gray stayed flat.

The current advice from these companies is to pick a vinyl-safe color or one that has an LRV above 55. The paint manufacturers don't offer advice specifically for vinyl windows, but a color that works on vinyl siding would also be suitable for other vinyl surfaces, including doors, garage doors, and, yes, windows, Navarro said.

Onedurr Painting, which gets Milgard referrals in the Seattle area, cleans, scrapes off any loose paint and lightly scuff-sands vinyl window frames to prepare them for painting. Sanding is an essential step; it creates a little tooth to help the paint grip. The company sprays on the paint, which helps ensure an even finish that looks factory-new, the office manager said. Most homeowners probably aren't equipped to do that, which makes the job one for a pro.

Sherwin-Williams and Benjamin Moore each recommend a variety of acrylic finishes for vinyl siding. Some are self-priming; others require a separate primer. Ask your local paint store for advice and read the product data sheet for the paint you select to see what primer, if any, is recommended for vinyl.

One caveat, whether the paint is sprayed or brushed on: Don't clog the weep holes at the bottom of the frame on the exterior.

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Nature photography offers a palate cleanser from the drama on Nextdoor



ROBERT KIRK

When covid canceled Robert Kirk's retirement plans to travel, he began exploring his McLean neighborhood, Kent Gardens Park, with a camera and curiosity. Shots of owls and foxes soon became staples in his NextDoor community. Most of his photography happens from his deck, and he's given neighbors digital copies to paint and frame.

BY AMANDA LONG

Just as in life, beauty can be hard to spot on Nextdoor, the social media platform for residents of individual neighborhoods (or, as one of my neighbors refers to the site, "the viper pit"). Often, it's a cacophony of parking-space disputes, questions about property taxes, all-caps SCAM ALERTS, arguments over what counts as suspicious activity and dog poop complaints.

But scroll just long enough and, *look!*, a mesmerizing photo of hummingbirds in action. And, *whoa!*, close-ups of elusive hawks. Videos of intrepid, clever foxes. Intimate scenes of bees getting busy in the flowers.



BOB KOVACS

Bob Kovacs, of Annandale, said this sunset shot is a favorite, due to its power to inspire others to look west and share what they see.

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Nextdoor sites across the country have become private showcases of stunning nature photography as amateur photographers give the platform the vibe shift it so desperately needs. The power of flowers — and nature in general — became more prevalent during the pandemic, when mental health walks and socially distanced outings led to an uptick in nature photography on the site, says Jennie Sager, Nextdoor's global head of brand marketing and managing director.

Nextdoor created its first #LoveYourNeighborhood contest in Australia in 2021, in the middle of one of the world's strictest lockdowns. The contest, which invites users to share photos of their neighborhoods, went global in 2022.

"Depression and loneliness rates were skyrocketing globally during covid lockdowns, and we wanted to give people a reason to share the joy in their local community and remember the good things that exist in their own backyards," Sager wrote in an email.

The photos seem to be resonating with users: Love Your Neighborhood posts received, on average, nearly three times as many reactions than non-Love Your Neighborhood posts during the 2023 photography contest, according to Nextdoor.

Enough studies to fill a forest have shown that exposure to nature has mental and physical benefits, acting as a palate cleanser to our busy brains and a jolt to sedentary bodies.

Scientists are studying whether looking at photos of nature can deliver similar rewards. In a small study of 46 students in the Netherlands, researchers found that after a stressful event, just five minutes of looking at images of green spaces — compared to looking at photos of urban settings — lowered heart rates and had other benefits to participants' stress responses. Other studies have been less conclusive.

Anecdotally, though, the neighbors sharing local nature shots in my Northern Virginia Nextdoor community consistently make me feel better about our digital and physical surroundings.

They post often, sharing photography tips ("avoid shooting in the middle of the day — the worst light on earth!" says Paul Derby in Falls Church); nature lessons (crows can signal a lurking fox!); and sincere responses to almost every comment. I recently spoke with four nature photographers from my local Nextdoor about how they brighten their little corner of the internet.



ROBERT KIRK

Since he began shooting and posting, Kirk has set out to learn more about the natural world. He's studying migration patterns and how several cawing crows may signal a fox in the area.

Bob Kovacs, Annandale

• **Feed Flavor:** Videos of foxes, birds, sunsets and the occasional "spotted on the curb."

• **Equipment:** Three trail cameras, two Victures, one Meidase P90 and four Panasonic Lumix cameras — including his camera of choice, the GH6.

Bob Kovacs, who was a contract video producer for the National Science Foundation until he retired in 2022, is a "lead," or quasi-moderator, on Nextdoor, reviewing posts that have been flagged as offensive and voting on what actions to take (removal, etc.). But Kovacs said he didn't want to be just a glorified online hall monitor.

"Online, the word 'lead' is next to my name. So I started thinking: I don't want to just react, because that's not really leading. Why don't I try to actually lead?" Kovacs says. "I decided to post pictures and videos about the world around me. Turns out that people really like it, you know, they respond. And that response kind of keeps me going. It appeals to my ego in such a way that, I'm like, 'Oh, I gotta do more of this!'"

His quirky sense of humor, seen most recently in a shot of him lying on a couch thrown to the curb, is complemented by his wife Mary Ellen Dawley's Photoshop skills, which she uses to jazz up (i.e., meme-ify) posts. For example, a serene shot of a bird in a bird bath got a dose of whimsy when Dawley added a surfboard and white caps.

Paul Derby, Falls Church

• **Feed Flavor:** Hawks, close-ups of flowers, dogs and the sky.

• **Equipment:** iPhone, Nikon D5.

Derby realized his lifelong dream of becoming a photojournalist in college when he captured a soldier embracing his

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PHOTOS BY PAUL DERBY

Without his fancy camera within reach, Derby slowed down his car one recent morning to point his iPhone at a hawk on the hunt. "Photo opportunities present themselves all the time," he said.

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young wife and toddler on his return to the United States from the Vietnam War for the Daily Oklahoman.

He didn't pursue the profession, but calls himself an "avid photography hobbyist."

Derby says things can get dicey on Nextdoor, with the politics and negativity. He considers his posts a needed antidote to the squabbling — and encourages his neighbors to take a similar view. "Some of my posts will say, 'If you're tired of hearing complaints, look at this, what this animal did and or how that flower bloomed,'" he says. "I've been trying to make people feel good instead of just wailing about all the negativity that's on there."

While Derby has fancy equipment, he takes most shots with his phone. "My preferred camera is the one I have with me!" he says. "Photo opportunities present themselves all the time. All the cameras are good now — it's hard to find a bad one."

It's not hard, however, to take a bad photo. Derby has tips: If you're going to take pictures of flowers during the middle of the day, find ones underneath shady trees. As long as you don't have sky in the picture, you can get very saturated colors if you cut down the contrast. And if you're standing near a fence or light post, prop your phone or camera against it to get rid of the jitters.

Robert Kirk, McLean

• **Feed flavor:** Foxes and more foxes, hummingbirds and the occasional coyote.

• **Equipment:** Canon R5 and Canon 100-500 millimeter lens.

The stuck at home-ness of the pandemic sent Robert Kirk looking for an escape. He found it in his backyard and nearby Kent Gardens Park. He had recently retired and his plans for travel were on indefinite hold, so Kirk decided to sharpen his burgeoning digital photography skills and get more familiar with his neighborhood.

He found that nature was also getting more familiar with him. Foxes, in particular, were boldly venturing into his yard and denning under the homes of his neighbors. Birds were clamoring for his feeder like so many tourists outside Georgetown Cupcake.

"It felt like they knew my house was a little nature studio, like an outdoor Olan Mills for the animals," he says, noting that 90 percent of his photography happens from his deck. When he does try to hide in the garage or attempt any stealth angle to catch subjects slinking by, he rarely succeeds. "Hiding in my garage, waiting for this fox, I take one breath and he or she turns to look right at me!"



Derby's eye for the awesome in everyday encounters is on full display in this photo of winter trees, with clouds floating where leaves would be in more verdant months.

Since he began shooting and posting, Kirk has set out to learn more about the natural word around him. His wife often acts as a spotter on road trips to Delaware, finding blue herons, egrets and the like so they can pull over.

"Back when I was working, I just thought all birds around here were different sized sparrows!" he says. Now he's studying migration patterns, the feeding habits of dragonflies and how several cawing crows may signal a fox in the area. "Just the other day, I heard the crows making a racket, grabbed my phone and went outside. It was a cat," he says. "They can't all be National Geographic."

Thanh Huong Truong, Fairfax

• **Feed Flavor:** Hummingbirds, bumble bees and butterflies.

• **Equipment:** Nikon Z7, 100-200 lens.

In 2018, a friend asked Thanh Huong Truong to bring a camera on a trip to Europe. "After that, it just sat in my Nikon bag for a couple years because I was lazy and just taking photos with my iPhone," she says. "I got a day off and was sitting on my deck, and saw a couple bumblebees and butterflies flying over my flowers, trying to get some nectar. They looked attractive to me so I told myself: 'This is a chance' … I took a couple shots, and they turned out [to be] great photos!"

She moved on from the bees to the birds, as they're more abundant in her studio (i.e., backyard). Troung gets most of her bird shots in the early morning, before work, when they're most active.

Recently, she's pointed her lens beyond the backyard, exploring the C&O Canal to capture blue herons and egrets catching dinner from the Potomac.

She doesn't track views or reactions, or pick and choose subject matter accordingly, but she does reply often to comments. "Of course, more viewers inspire me to work hard on photography and enjoy it more, but number of viewers are not necessarily important. What I like is not always what people like." she says. Her motivation isn't as much about pleasing the crowd, but giving herself something to hold on to when she wants to recall a fleeting, beautiful moment.

"After all, we take pictures to keep memories, so we can go back in time to review," Truong says.

Amanda Long is a writer and massage therapist living in Falls Church.

Dish soap is a powerhouse. Here's how to use to clean your home.

BY JENNIFER BARGER



Peruse the cleaning section of a big-box store, and you'll find potions and gadgets to polish and scrub every cranny of your home. But housekeeping experts say you can clean many places with one simple product: dish soap.

"Honestly, I can't think of anything we can't use Dawn to clean, except maybe leather upholstery," says Kevin Reynolds, co-founder of the American House Cleaners Association. It and other dish soaps get their dirt- and stain-fighting abilities from detergents and degreasers, says eco-cleaning expert Micaela Preston of Mindful Momma. "They're just powerful cleaning agents, and the liquids help concentrate their power," she says.

Dilute a few squirts with water for a spray cleaner that can sub in for Windex, Method or Mr. Clean. Or combine it with a couple teaspoons of baking soda to create a homemade scrub for tougher jobs.

"People fall prey to marketing, thinking they need separate cleaning products for everything," says Kelley Jonkoff of Unfolde, a North Carolina organizing company. "Making your own dish soap solution is simpler than having all those different things, and it cuts down on clutter, too."

Here's how to make dish soap your secret cleaning weapon.

Get your recipe right

First, no one is suggesting that you squeeze Palmolive onto a rag and rub down all your surfaces. "A tiny bit goes a long way," says Caroline Solomon, a professional organizer in New York City who makes cleaning-hack TikToks as @neat.caroline. "To create an all-purpose cleaner, take a spray bottle and add a teaspoon of dish soap, two cups of cold water, and 10 drops of essential oil if you want a subtle scent."

Use it on fabric stains

Dish soap gets crud off pots and pans, so it makes sense that you can also deploy it to zap a red wine spill on the rug or a chocolate smudge on your white sofa. "I mix about three tablespoons of dish soap with the same amount of baking soda to form a paste," says Jonkoff. "Just brush that onto the stain. It's better than Shout! on grease spots, and really works well on natural fibers like wools and silks."

Degrease kitchen countertops

"Dish soap is pH neutral, so it's gentler on things like marble and quartz than vinegar, another simple cleaning solution," says Soloman. (Vinegar is acidic, so it can damage stone surfaces.)

To tackle your counters, take your bottle of diluted dish soap and "spray down the surface, and let it sit for a minute or two before wiping it off," she says. "That'll help degrease things." Since the soap is so watered down, you don't need to worry about rinsing the counters off.

Get a streak-free shower door or mirror

For an effective DIY glass cleaner, follow the same recipe as above to create a water/dish soap spray, just be sure to use distilled water. Water from the tap may be "hard," i.e. full of minerals that can leave behind residue and streaks. Distilled water, which has been purified by boiling, leaves shiny surfaces clear. "It's a way to go the extra mile and really make things sparkle," says Solomon.

Mop your floors with it

Dish soap also works on tile, cement or vinyl floors; simply pour your spray-bottle concoction into the reservoir of a squirt mop (or use it to douse a reusable mop pad). But be cautious about using the potion on wood floors, says Reynolds. "You can use dish soap on them, but if it's too concentrated it can strip the wood over time." Plus, too much water can cause wooden planks to warp.

Freshen your toilet

Yes, you can even clean a toilet bowl with dish soap — just swirl a few drops around in the water, leave it for a few minutes, scrub and flush. If you want to sanitize the toilet, though, you'll need to include a stronger ingredient.

To kill bacteria and viruses, swirl two tablespoons of hydrogen peroxide and one tablespoon of dish soap in the toilet bowl, then repeat the cleaning steps above, says Preston. If it's mold you need to clean, mix together half-a-cup white vinegar, two cups of water and a big squirt of dish soap.

Jennifer Barger is a writer in D.C. who covers home and travel.



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Characterized by clean lines, white exteriors and black windows, modern farmhouse is a trend that captured the attention of younger generations.

Turning a cookie-cutter house into a personalized home

BY KATHRYN O'SHEA EVANS

When it comes to designing a home interior that reflects you and your lifestyle, nothing beats customizing everything from the bathroom tile to the drawer pulls. But when so much of the housing built since World War II falls under the broad umbrella of cookie cutter, it can be challenging to create a personalized space.

Modern farmhouse — an architectural style known for its white exteriors with black windows, blonde wood floors and an unobtrusive neutral color palette — is just the latest mass-produced style to dominate neighborhoods, including those nowhere near a farm. It instantly appeals to the Instagram generation, in part because it seems to harness both yesteryear and today's clean lines in equal measure.

"The look gives 'Little House on the Prairie,' but without the diphtheria," says Mark Eckstrom of Studio Eckström in Omaha. "'The Waltons,' with WiFi."

But not everyone wants to buy the farm — or a mass-produced Colonial, split-foyer or boxy ranch, for that matter. "Many people are coming to us saying, 'I do *not* want that,'" says Jim Rill, of Bethesda, Md. firm Rill Architects, of the modern farmhouse style. Or if they love it, they may want to tweak it to be more individualized. We consulted the pros to figure out how to make any cookie cutter space feel more current and custom, from the inside out. Here are their suggestions.

Focus on yourself

When you're creating your forever home, keep "you" front and center. "Some of our clients are interested in pulling ideas from the modern farmhouse aesthetic, but many are seeking guidance on how to create a home that doesn't look like all of the other homes in their neighborhood," says Lauren Magee of Winn Design + Build.

Noz Nozawa, a designer in the San Francisco Bay Area, says this approach works with all types of homes. "Every project starts with honoring a client's own story, no matter what style of home they have," she says. "I try to see past what might be considered 'generic' in a home and identify high-potential nooks or details or moments that we can celebrate through our design process.

"We will tailor and custom-size our design ideas, whether they are built-ins or furniture or window coverings or art pieces, and if I've done a good job, our designs allow our clients to see themselves and their point of view reflected in the spaces they get to live in," she adds.

For example, you might transform a small closet off the kitchen into a Downton Abbey-worthy pantry by installing bead board, shelving with brass rails and soapstone counters, then painting it a high-gloss (and truly cinematic) grass green. Or convert an empty basement closet into a dazzling wet bar complete with amazonite countertops and pixelated mosaic tile backsplash (both recent Nozawa projects).

Remember how you actually live

Robert J. Bell, of Bell Design Inc. in D.C., says functionality is key. You want to ask yourself what your goals are, he says, whether you're hankering for a quiet writer's retreat or a showstopping entertaining space. "As long as the basic structure of the home is well built and the property is laid out well, we can work to add functionality and details that create special spaces from an unalluring white box," Bell says.

He would replace a flat white subway tile backsplash, for example, with something more unexpected yet functional, such as a dimensional tile from Heath Ceramics in an ultramarine matte glaze. Or evict bland, mass-pro-

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COOKIE CUTTER FROM 8

duced drawer pulls in favor of uncoated brass handles "meant to age beautifully."

Go for color and texture

Vibrant color can give a generic or relatively simple structure a more tailored look, says Rill, who is a fan of the inky colors of British cult paint brand Farrow & Ball (he recently used a slate gray on a project in Franklin, Tenn.).

Dallas designer Bonnie Achariyakosol agrees, saying that paint and wallpaper are the easiest way to warm up a space. It doesn't need to take over the entire room; you can paint the lower cabinets in your otherwise white kitchen an unexpected color, or hang wallpaper with a subtle graphic motif in the powder room.

Nozawa achieved a bespoke feel for two Bay Area clients with modern farmhouse-esque homes by bringing in riots of color in the rugs and furnishings, and installing dramatic light fixtures.

The same goes for interesting textures. "I think a lot of modern farmhouses are lacking warmth and texture," Achariyakosol says. Some of her textural go-to's: handmade zellige tiles that are intentionally imperfect, limewashed or grass cloth walls and plasterwork vessels with patina. "Texture is the gateway drug to a warm home, and I love it!" she says.



STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG

Pay attention to details

When Houston-based designer Paloma Contreras, author of the new book "The New Classic Home," was working on a farmhouse presiding over significant acreage in rural Texas, she employed authentic finishes: reclaimed Texas white oak here, French limestone there. The result feels genuine and timeless, not trendy.

Outside, sometimes it's the littlest touches that add up to a lot. Even painting your window trim and shutters a fairy-tale hue can be transformative, Eckstrom says, noting that he loves the verdigris color of Farrow & Ball's Arsenic.

"We love the whimsy of a decorative Pennsylvania Dutch-style Hex sign adhered below the gable end of a roofline," says Eckstrom. He is installing them on the upper floor of a project client's classic American four-square with a green metal roof, which was inspired by Russian dachas. "Choose a star or sun motif in bright or complementary bold colors — it will become something to wish and smile upon daily."

And we can practically guarantee that it won't look anything like your neighbor's.

Kathryn O'Shea-Evans is a design and travel writer in Colorado.



STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG

Wallpaper is one of the easiest ways to add personality, such as in this bathroom, left, by Winn Design + Build. Copper roofs can lend a feeling of storied authenticity to an exterior, such as the one above, also by Winn Design + Build. For Houston-based designer Paloma Contreras, curated details such as local white oak flooring and custom windows have a genuine and timeless effect.

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Mums who? These plants are just as dazzling for fall.

BY TOVAH MARTIN

When the weather turns crisp, many people automatically think of mums, but there are many other options that provide the same stunning pop of color.

Chrysanthemums dominate garden centers and front porches in the autumn, perhaps fooling you into thinking they're the only late season plant in town. But there are plenty of alternatives, including many perennials that will return to jazz up future falls. Here are some options if you're ready to move on from mums.

Start by digging a little deeper into the daisy family (the same clan that brings us chrysanthemums), where you can find perennial bloomers to replace those throwaway chrysanthemums (mums are not hardy below 20 degrees Fahrenheit). Try sneezeweeds (*heleniums*) or perennial sunflowers (*helianthus*). Or go for one of the various coneflowers (*rudbeckias*) that stage a major show in autumn with different spins on the black-eyed Susan's motif. Most of these will grow to two to three feet or more, so they are perfect for grouping together to create a sea of color.

Echinaceas also continue their season-long stint into autumn, and they are available in an array of hues that can be sprinkled through the garden or staged as a block of color. Asters are another favorite, available in a number of newer varieties. For an informal look, try Raydon's Favorite, which has a lax, tall, arching growth habit and vivid blue autumn flowers. For a more upright presentation, nestle a New England aster (*Symphyotrichum novae angliae*) among other plants to hide its unsightly stems, which are naked around the ankles.

Or consider ornamental grasses, many of which rush up into plumes during the autumn. You can devote a display solely to their textural interplay or dot grasses throughout a garden filled with other plants that feature earlier bloom times to extend the thrill. Little bluestem, which is great at preventing erosion, sends up steel gray blades that blush orange and form wispy tufts in autumn. Muhly grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) has pink, smokelike plumes that read best when massed together. Compact prairie dropseed (*Sporobolis heterolepis*) forms tufts that can be used to edge a walkway, with fragrant flaxen seed heads during the fall.

Another option is sedums, which have tidy, drought-tolerant, succulent leaves. But many sedums also burst into colorful domes of flowers in the autumn, keeping bees busy when other nectar options have faded. "Autumn Joy" is the traditional standby, but numerous spins on that

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theme are available in shades of yellow, pink and red. There are also versions with variegated and bronze foliage. After their flowers fade, sedums' browning domes continue to look smart and stand strong. They are beautiful against a blanket of snow and worth leaving intact for wintering birds to peck at the seed heads.

Speaking of seed heads, Carla Hetzel, a horticulturist at Chanticleer Garden in Wayne, Pa., says they can be a source of visual interest into the fall, after blooms have faded. They're also an excellent source of food for birds.

"Browning seed heads are quieter colors, but they give the garden architectural structure in fall," she says. She loves false indigo (*Baptisia spp.*) for its plump black seeds that stick around into the autumn and contrast with the plant's blue/green leaves. Mountain mints (*Pycnanthemum spp.*) also form intricate bracts and then seed heads after the flowers are long gone. Beebalms will do the same, and their stems are sufficiently strong to support the weight of foraging birds.

Hetzel also likes the native rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*), but says that any of the sea hollies (*Eryngium spp.*) as well as globe thistle (*echinops*) will retain their round orbs after the flowers have faded. Ditto for alliums.

In shadier settings, Laura Wagner, a senior product manager at Must Have Perennials (an independent breeder representative service based in Lancaster, Pa.) suggests growing hardy geraniums to fill in your fall garden. Shade-tolerant Rozanne and Azure Rush are among the varieties that will keep blooming into the autumn, particularly if you give them a midseason haircut to tidy up the foliage and prompt fresh growth.

Japanese anemones also flower in the shade and have a long blooming cycle that doesn't kick in until late August. Try the Pretty Lady series of single and double Japanese anemones, which produce blooms for a month or two atop 24-inch stems.

Or go beyond flowers and choose plants with interesting foliage. For a shady spot, Wagner suggests *Heuchera* "Steel City," which is hardy to Zone 4 and sends out pink sprays of flowers in July, but the leaves hang in with a purple, burgundy and silver sheen until snow shuts them down. Similarly, hellebores blossom in late winter, but The Rockies series was bred to produce flashy foliage throughout the growing season. Depending on the variety, their foliage is gold, silverish blue or green with white accents.

Bluestars (*amsonias*) are among Hetzel's favorite perennials for fall foliage color. Their season-long show peaks with shades of yellow and orange just before they lose their leaves. Deciduous shrubs such as viburnums, serviceberries (*amelanchier*, especially "Autumn Brilliance"), blueberries, witch-alder (*fothergilla*) and sweetspire (*itea*) also all end the season with shades of orange and red foliage that rivals the drama in the leaves of surrounding trees.

Fall marks the grand finale of the growing season, but that doesn't mean it has to be all about decline. Plan for it, and fall can be fabulous and multifaceted. "We need to see the beauty in it," Hetzel says. "We need to embrace it."

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The deep purple of heuchera micrantha, left, gives a nice contrast to the warmer hues of changing leaves and these coneflowers, bottom left. As the weather turns, these false indigo flowers, below, will turn brown and provide structure to a garden.





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HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Renovated Spring Valley home hits market

BY SOPHIA SOLANO



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Michel Rivest's commute from Fairfax County to D.C. was starting to feel "really long" by the time he took a wrong turn and ended up in Northwest Washington's Spring Valley neighborhood. "I had no idea that areas like that existed in the city," Rivest said. "The mature trees, the large lots."

After that discovery, Rivest and his wife, Louise Courtemanche, began house hunting in Spring Valley and, in 2009, settled on a hilltop house that reminded them of their home together in Westmount, Montreal. The 1935 house, at 3615 49th St. NW, was previously owned by William Harrop, a longtime U.S. diplomat and a former ambassador to Israel and several African nations.

"It had a vibe of grandma's house," Rivest said. "It's a very homey place that brought back a lot of memories to us."

Rivest and Courtemanche hired Rob Morris of Morris-Day Designers in McLean, Va., to expand and renovate the house, now on the market for $4.1 million.

They wanted to retain a Tudor-style exterior and, after a trip to Scotland and England, decided on an ornate Arts and Crafts-style interior of a type popularized by an early 20th-century Scottish architect, Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

The work renovating and expanding the house was recognized by the American Institute of Architects as a finalist for a prestigious COTE Top Ten design award, Rivest said.

The details, including the rose motif in bespoke stained-glass windows in interior doors, brought the couple's vision to life. The cathedral ceiling in the family room is reminiscent of one in the Glasgow School of Art.

Rivest, an electrical engineer who said he would have liked to be an architect if he "had the artistic talent," designed lantern fixtures, which were then made by two artists. The house's lower-level has a ribbed ceiling, meant to "convey the feeling of an old pub," he said, and an inglenook, a space adjoining a fireplace, typical of homes before the invention of central heating.

The renovation, which took 2½ years, also included the expansion and redesign of a large space for entertaining at the back of the house. The house now has a family room there, as well as two kitchens, one for everyday use and another for use when entertaining guests.

Morris had suggested that a walk through a house could be an aesthetic experience, like "taking a street tour," Rivest said. "Every point in the house, becomes a view. ... Working with an architect opened up my mind to how to look at things."

Two sets of stairs lead to the front door and a foyer flanked by the dining and living rooms. The dining room has a ceiling with exposed beams, and the living room has one side of a two-sided, wood-burning fireplace. Also off the foyer is the library, which has the fireplace opposite the living room fireplace and French doors that open to a patio.

At the back of the house, past a powder room, is the family room, which has several skylights and a gas fireplace. Beyond the family room, there are the two kitchens.

The primary bedroom suite, on the second level, has a walk-in closet and a bathroom with a marble soaking tub and a separate shower. A laundry room can be accessed from the primary bedroom or the hall. Two other bedrooms on this level share a bathroom. On the third level, two bedrooms, one with a cedar walk-in closet, share a bathroom.

The lower level has the "tavern room" with a wet bar, built-in seating and a fireplace. A mudroom on this level connects to the two-car garage and exercise room.

Much of the landscaping, including a stone wall, was in place when Rivest and Courtemanche bought the property. The couple added plantings in the style of England's National Trust gardens. Their daughter's wedding reception was held on the rear patio.

At first, Rivest wasn't planning to play such an active role in the design process, but he said he has no regrets about the outcome.

"As the house and the design elements were going, like the [stained glass] windows, people would stop to chat and tell us they liked it," he said. "It was really a lot of fun."

$4,100,000

3615 49th St. NW, Washington, D.C.

Bedrooms/bathrooms: 5/5

Approximate square-footage: 5,700

Lot size: 0.41 acres

Features: This 1935 Tudor-style house underwent an extensive renovation, completed in 2012, that included a rear addition and Arts and Crafts interior details inspired by travel in Scotland. It has a rear patio, several fireplaces and a two-car garage.

Listing agent: Robert Hryniewicki, Adam Rackliffe, Christopher Leary and Micah Smith, HRL Partners at Washington Fine Properties.

TOP: A rose motif appears throughout much of the house, including on stained-glass windows in interior doors. ABOVE LEFT: The family room, which has a fireplace, opens to a patio. ABOVE RIGHT: The primary bathroom has a marble soaking tub and a separate shower.

BUYING NEW

A win for middle-income housing near downtown

The Hart Wardman condos

302-304 Florida Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.

Builder: New City Builds

Type of home: Condominium

Price: $399,900-$799,900 (The price of one unit, unit 10, is not available. It has been set aside for a D.C. affordable-housing program. Eligibility is limited to city residents who meet income and other requirements of the program.)

Number of units: 14 (including unit 10)

Bedrooms/bathrooms: 1 or 2

Square footage: 500-1,401

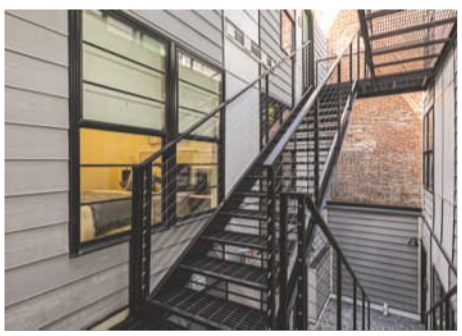
Condo fees: $183-$478 a month

View model: *hartwardmandc.com*

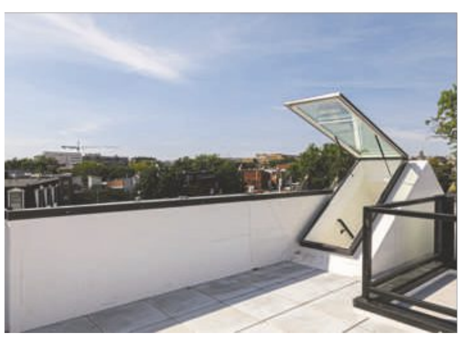
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The living area of unit 6 has exposed brick. The bedroom overlooks the garth, or courtyard, in unit 9. Raphael Grocery, with a mural on its wall, is across the street from the condos. Unit 9 has a storage area under a turret. The roof deck of unit 12. Stairs lead from the garth to seven upper-level units.

Features

In the early 1900s, prolific Washington developer Harry Wardman built what looked like 28 two-story Victorian-style rowhouses on Florida Avenue NW. But each rowhouse, in what became known as the Wardman Flats, contained two units, one on each floor, of middle-income housing. Wardman, who built such landmarks as the Hay-Adams hotel and the British Embassy, became best known for affordable housing constructed with quality materials and interesting architectural features. Two of the rowhouses, after sitting vacant for many years, have been turned into 14 condos by expanding above, below and behind the original structures.

Joey Yaffe, president and chief executive of New City Builds, said the project "brought Harry Wardman's vision into the future." The two rowhouses, fully renovated, Yaffe said, could have been priced at $1.5 million each. Instead, they were turned, he said, "into smaller units that allow people to access housing for much, much less."

The Hart Wardman condos, at 302-304 Florida Ave. NW, have the original Wardman Flats facades. Between 302 and 304, there is a garth, an enclosed courtyard or atrium, and the doors to most of the units are on the garth, including seven reached by way of a steel stairway to the top floor. Entrances to units 6 and 7 are in the entry foyer; unit 5 has a private Florida Avenue entrance.

Four units are mostly below grade, each with a light well at the front or the rear. A bike storage room is also on this level. Units 5, 6 and 7 are on the first floor. Units 8, 9, 10 and 11 are on the second floor. The third floor, in the extension at the back of the building, has penthouse units 12, 13 and 14, each with stairs to a private roof deck. Unit 12 has a second deck on one side of the building. Unit 13 has a balcony in the back, off the living area.

Thirteen units have one bedroom and one bathroom. Unit 7 has two bedrooms, two full bathrooms and the building's one parking space.

Floor plans and architectural details vary, in some cases to retain original characteristics, such as an exposed brick wall or, in unit 9, a ceiling that extends into a turret and adds a storage nook. All units have wide-plank wood flooring and nine-foot ceilings. Most units have wood-paneled cabinets and a combination washer-dryer. Units 12 and 14 have a separate, stacked washer and dryer in a closet next to cabinets.

Kitchen

Most kitchens have a Miele induction cooktop above a speed oven (combined convection and microwave), a Delta faucet and sink, a Beko dishwasher and a Beko bottom-freezer refrigerator. Refrigerators and dishwashers have panel fronts. Wood panels on the islands match the wood of the bathroom vanities. Countertops are veined gray quartz, and backsplashes are vertical 3-by-6-inch gray tile.

Unit 7 has the largest kitchen and a Fisher and Paykel three-door refrigerator.

Bathrooms

Unit 7 is the only unit with two bathrooms. In all the units, there is a bathroom with a walk-in shower that has vertical off-white tile on the walls and small, gray, square tile on the floor. These bathrooms have square vessel sinks, white quartz countertops, and chrome-finish Moen faucets and shower fixtures. The second bathroom in unit 7 has a tub-shower combination.

Neighborhood

Truxton Circle

Nearby shops and restaurants

The condos are close to many restaurants and bars on Florida Avenue. There are stores and restaurants a half-mile west on Seventh Street. A Whole Foods on Florida Avenue and a Giant on Rhode Island Avenue are each about a half-mile away. A small grocer, Raphael Grocery, is across the street.

Nearby parks

Bundy Field, which has a dog park and athletic fields, and The Park at LeDroit are each about a half-mile away. Cardozo Playground, with a skate park and dog park, is also about a half-mile away.

Schools

Elementary: Seaton Elementary
Middle and High: Cardozo Education Campus

Transit

Metrobus routes 90, 92, 52 and 54 stop on Florida Avenue. Metrobus G8 stops on nearby Rhode Island Avenue. The Shaw-Howard University Metro station, on the Green Line, is less than a half-mile away.

What sets it apart

Hart Wardman is an opportunity to own an affordable and innovative property with a history near downtown Washington, Yaffe said.

— Benjamin C Tankersley

ON PARENTING

Our teen wants more privacy online. How do we keep him safe?

BY MEGHAN LEAHY

Q: Our 14-year-old son just started at a co-ed high school after nine years at an all-boys school. Historically he was not very social, keeping one or two close friends and avoiding larger parties and groups. During these first few weeks at the new school, he has become very friendly with several other ninth-grade students. We even think he may be "dating" one of the girls, with whom he exchanges Snapchat texts often. He now is asking for a lot of privacy, a lot more screen time (for social apps) and more privileges without supervision, which we haven't encountered — and frankly haven't had to monitor — until now. We want to encourage him socially and respect his privacy while making certain that we keep him safe. It pains me to read articles about children being targeted online by strangers as well as bullied by kids they know — and I fear the worst, especially not having any visibility to the social media interaction. And Snapchat is impossible to monitor. Additionally, we do not know anyone (parents or kids) at this new school yet, and we made a conscious decision to not be as involved in the new school because of how active and present we were at the last one. We believe we have a very good relationship with our son; we have discussed online expectations, positive social interactions, and touched on sexuality, alcohol and drug use, and he knows he can talk to us about absolutely anything. But he is starting to share less and ask for more. Do you have any advice as we navigate this new territory of more privileges, waning supervision and an increasingly private teen?



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A: Welcome to the chaotic, wonderful and slightly terrifying club known as "the teen years." The rules of this club are as follows: 1) no one (caregiver) knows what to do or has all of the answers, 2) the teens are actually all right, 3) the technology cannot be tamed and still cannot be ignored, and 4) connection (in all the ways) is king.

As the parent of a teen, you will find that our culture has largely dropped you like a hot potato. Other than driving him around, giving him money, constantly feeding him and swatting his gaming console and phone out of his hand, you may feel like a guest in your own home. Worse, an unwelcome guest and the guest who is footing the bill. It is easy to feel isolated: How do you turn to a friend or an acquaintance and ask: "I am nervous about my son's burgeoning sex life and the amount his bedroom door is closed; the change feels overnight. You, too?" So, you are left to the news (terrifying), social media feeds (more terrifying and comparative), some family (the advice is outdated and even dangerous) and experts (they are so clinical). Yikes.

So, yes, your son is right on time for romance and connection. His hormones are raging, he is exposed to the opposite sex for the first time and the Snaps and TikToks are only strengthening the real and imagined connections he is making in school. A whole new world has opened up to him (after the years of single-sex education), and the timing couldn't be more perfect. Hormones plus new school plus girls plus social media equals a buffet for the senses. It's a heady time. And if you close your eyes and remember what it was to be 14 — that first time someone attractive noticed you or wanted to talk to you or said you were attractive or joked around with you — it was like a drug. It is powerful and there is nothing wrong with any of it.

You are already ahead of the game in many ways, and I really want you to have some faith in the groundwork you have laid. You have a good relationship with your son, you have talked about the big topics and you have an open-door policy for talking. I don't know if your son feels the same way you do, but if he does, you are going to make it through the teen years. Mistakes will occur and boundaries will need to be reassessed, but you will make it through together. When you read another article about fentanyl or catfishing, please take a deep breath and remember that, while you cannot control much of your life, you can control your relationship with your son.

As for navigating this new time, just because it is developmentally typical for the hormones to be raging and the tech to be nonstop does not mean that you let go of the reins. In fact, study after study proves that teens very much want their parents to make and keep some rules, so get used to calling meetings with them to find what works for your family. I am not a big fan of every piece of technology staying in their room all night (lots of studies about blue light and whatnot), but creating a plan together matters more than the actual result (unless there is an emergency or a serious need to take control of the tech).

Talking with him, not at him, is a more circuitous route to problem-solving, but cooperation is a byproduct of a good relationship, so wade through the rolled eyes and sighs to reach some kind of agreement.

You mentioned the horrors of the news, so I would use those stories to jump-start conversations around binge drinking, drug use and what is now in those drugs, the darker corners of the internet, as well as sex and sex-related issues. Car drives and dog walks are good times to have a conversation, ask thoughtful questions and listen to what he has to say. If you stay nonjudgmental, you will learn a lot about what is making him and his friends tick. It is also the time to drill down that, no matter what, you are here to listen and support him, and that there is no mistake too big for the family to handle. Consistently showing up with compassion is, I would argue, more important than saying any one thing because humans are built for relationships over data. Your son will remember that you were there more than the messages you delivered.

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Teen sometimes overshare online. That could be a good thing.

BY DEVORAH HEITNER


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When Rose came out as a lesbian at age 14, she shared in person with the people who matter most — her parents and close friends. She also shared on Instagram.

"I made an Instagram post about it because that's honestly the easiest way because then you don't have to tell people in person constantly," says the suburban Chicago teen. "Otherwise, you have to find the right moment to say to each person, 'Oh, I'm gay, blah, blah.' And that made it way easier – everyone kind of got the message at the same time."

While Rose's parents were supportive not just of her identity as a lesbian but also of her sharing about it as she chose to, many parents are very nervous about their kids opening up about LGBTQ+ identities online, afraid they will be targets for discrimination.

The public, permanent and searchable nature of the internet makes them worry. Each platform has its own level of disclosure and safety. While coming out online might lead to unexpected consequences, Rose felt that an Instagram story or post is "more likely to be seen by someone who follows you" (presumably a friend or at least a friendly acquaintance) versus "a random person who might target you."

For Rose, the reactions were mostly positive. And choosing when to come out and sharing via a social post, where you can delete any thoughtless response, can be empowering. But for parents, sharing personal details about intimate facets of one's life — from sexual orientation to a neurodivergent diagnosis — can seem like a risky choice because it potentially exposes their child to an array of social consequences.

"I'm all for stigma reduction," one mother of a transgender and neurodiverse teenager told me, "but does it have to be *my kid* on the front lines?"

Parents have reason to worry. Although people who are LGBTQ+ are much more accepted now than in past generations, there has been a backlash in recent years, making coming out a sometimes fraught situation, and likely reminding parents what it was like when they were in school. (In a Washington Post survey of trans adults, 45 percent said school made them feel unsafe, compared to 10 percent of adults overall.)

For many young people today, sharing their gender or sexual identity online doesn't always involve a big announcement. Some kids might add a subtle sign like a hashtag or a symbol (such as an LGBTQ Pride flag), or update their social bio to include their pronouns. For others, telling family or friends becomes an experience they then share online. Take Aaron and Austin Rhodes, twins and YouTube personalities who shared a now-viral video of them coming out to their father in 2015.

The same year, YouTube star Ingrid Nilsen made a video coming out to her audience. It has been viewed 18 million times, and many have commented that the video inspired them to come out or affirmed their identity.

To better understand and support our children, we must understand their reasons for sharing so openly. For many parents, our response to our kid's social media disclosures is rooted in our own experiences of stigma. Think about therapy, for instance. When parents today were teens, they did not need to be told "don't tell anyone" if they were, say, seeing a therapist for depression. They just knew it wasn't something to disclose. Today, therapy is no longer so stigmatized. Kids announce when they have a therapy appointment, or maybe even share techniques they've learned with peers.

"So using social media to announce they're coming out, or making a video is a really big developmental piece that's authentic to how they communicate with the world they live in now."

John Sovec, therapist and author

The situation is similar for those with learning differences, and many appreciate the sense of community and group support that can come from participating in online affinity spaces, whether it is a Discord server for fans of Anime, or an online forum for people with a specific diagnosis like ADHD.

Coming out about a learning difference, a neurodivergent identity or a diagnosis is different from coming out as LGBTQ+, but the experiences do share important elements, including parents' worries about searchability, stigma and discrimination.

Jacqueline Nesi, a psychologist who studies social media and adolescent development, finds that teens and tweens have some awareness of the possible downsides of posting about mental health — but it is hard to resist an immediate form of social support. "It can be really powerful to meet people online who have the same concerns that you do, to get the social support that you're maybe not getting at all in your in-person experiences, to be able to find people who have had the same experience as you," she says. "It can make a young person who is struggling feel like they're not alone."

While many young people still choose to be private about mental health struggles, neurodivergence or LGBTQ+ identities, those who share in digital spaces may experience fewer problems with their peers than parents might imagine. And even for those who prefer to keep things more private, living in a culture where some people disclose may make it easier to seek support and community.

"Kids are living in a world where they are digital natives," says John Sovec, a therapist and author of "Out: A Parent's Guide to Supporting Your LGBTQIA+ Kid Through Coming Out and Beyond."

"So using social media to announce they're coming out, or making a video is a really big developmental piece that's authentic to how they communicate with the world they live in now."

Devorah Heitner is the author of "Growing Up in Public: Coming of Age in a Digital World."

Home Sales

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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NORTHEAST

Ascot Pl., 230, $710,000.
Buchanan St., 1704, $680,000.
Capitol St. N., 1825, $758,000.
Division Ave., 508, $324,000.
Eckington Pl., 1625, No. 613, $463,000.
Fort Lincoln Dr., 3624, $575,000.
Gay St., 5330, $425,000.
Hawaii Ave., 219, $679,900.
I St., 622, $1.25 million.
Maryland Ave., 1225, $730,000.
Oglethorpe St., 831, $633,000.
Randolph Pl., 232, $798,750.
Todd Pl., 169, $500,000.
Trinidad Ave., 1705, No. 4, $745,000.
First St., 1922, $713,000.
Seventh St., 321, $950,000.
12th St., 631, $575,000.
13th St., 4011, $847,500.
17th Pl., 1016, No. 105, $290,000.
18th St., 607, $749,900.
48th Pl., 829, $425,000.

NORTHWEST

Adams Mill Rd., 2611, No. T4, $290,000.
Albemarle St., 2852, $2 million.
Buchanan St., 1123, $900,000.
Calvert St., 1930, No. 1, $225,100.
Chapin St., 1415, No. 106, $395,000.
Columbia Rd., 609, $600,000.
Connecticut Ave., 2818, No. 12, $749,000.
Connecticut Ave., 4600, No. 627, $226,000.
D St., 631, No. 231, $720,075.
E St., 675, No. 620, $585,000.
Embassy Park Dr., 4319, $1.1 million.
Emerson St., 1514, $910,000.
Florida Ave., 508, $880,000.
Gallatin St., 1335, $1.52 million.
Harvard St., 1750, No. 2D, $320,000.
Holly St., 1417, $999,000.
Irving St., 610, No. 206, $349,500.
Kalorama Rd., 2009, $2.5 million.
Kilbourne Pl., 1738, $1.35 million.
Lamont St., 453, $765,000.
Longfellow St., 613, $850,000.
Macarthur Blvd., 4570, No. G9, $175,000.
Massachusetts Ave., 301, No. 206, $359,000.
Massachusetts Ave., 4911, $1.97 million.
N St., 1300, No. 809, $435,000.
Nebraska Ave., 6209, $1.32 million.
Newton Pl., 709, $686,000.
Oliver St., 3851, $985,000.
Oregon Ave., 5724, $1.21 million.
Pennsylvania Ave., 701, No. 1202, $385,000.
Q St., 449, $1 million.
Q St., 2500, No. 548, $345,000.
R St., 55, $725,000.
R St., 2121, $2.3 million.
Reservoir Rd., 3705, $800,000.
Ross Pl., 3310, $3.5 million.
Shepherd St., 1313, $1.17 million.
Sherman Ave., 3114, $1.18 million.
T St., 1767, $2.6 million.
Tilden St., 2923, $1.54 million.
U St., 335, $932,500.
V St., 115, $1.95 million.
Veazey Terr., 3001, $450,000.
W St., 32, $1.2 million.
Watson St., 5100, $2.23 million.
Wisconsin Ave., 3114, $254,900.
Yuma St., 4706, $1.53 million.
Fourth St., 811, No. 709, $449,500.
Fourth St., 5906, $855,000.
Sixth St., 1824, $761,500.
10th St., 1225, No. 4, $1.44 million.
11th St., 2004, No. 228, $610,000.
13th St., 5204, $1.32 million.
14th St., 3900, No. 111, $340,000.
16th St., 3060, No. 404, $443,000.
18th St., 1545, No. 803, $420,000.

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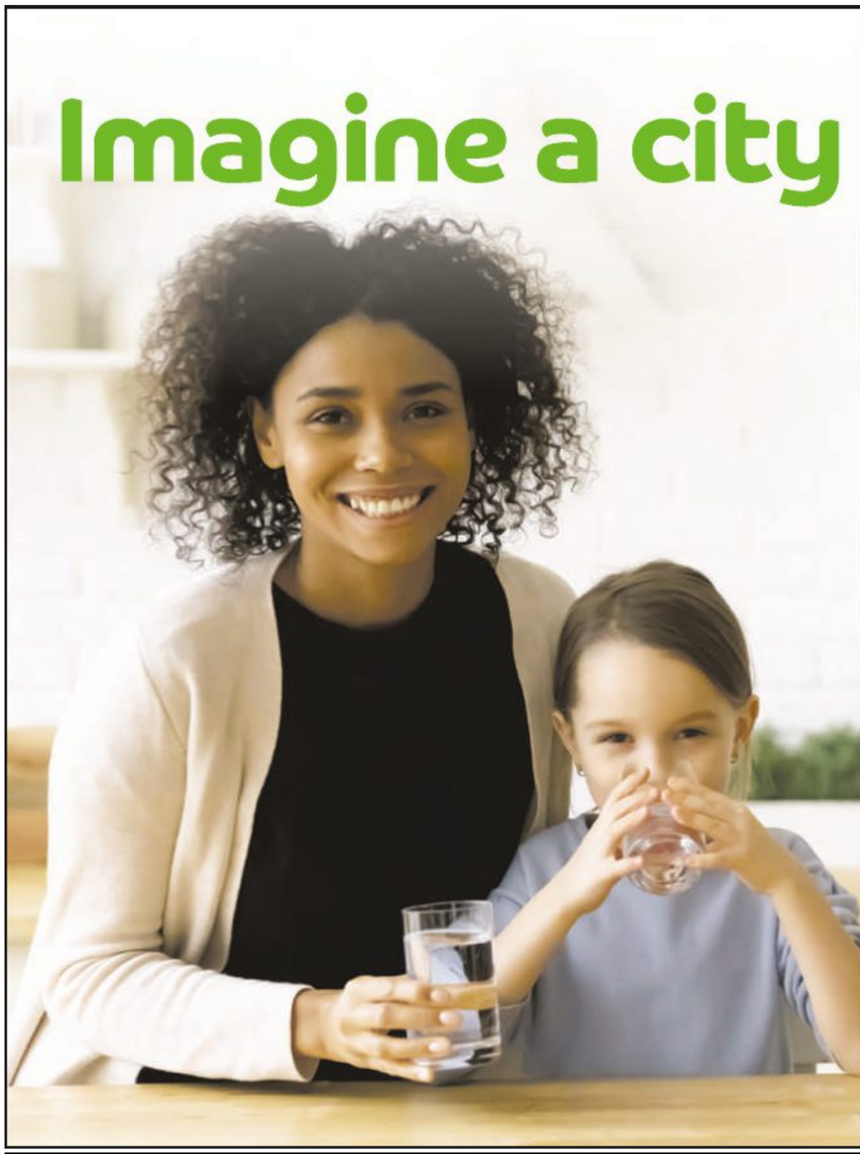
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21st St., 1280, No. 801, $460,000.
25th St., 1010, No. 505, $297,500.
32nd St., 1642, $1.4 million.
34th St., 1244, $1.3 million.
38th St., 3401, No. 417, $535,000.
41st St., 2400, No. 204, $357,500.

SOUTHEAST

A St., 1841, $500,000.
Buena Vista Terr., 2800, No. 2, $119,670.
Camden St., 3670, $748,500.
E St., 1324, No. 203, $407,000.
Fort Dupont St., 1617, $305,000.
Independence Ave., 1432, No. 101, $655,000.
L St., 37, No. 305, $475,000.
Pennsylvania Ave., 1391, No. 310, $400,000.
S St., 1949, $450,000.
Talbert St., 1232, $500,000.
Wilmington Pl., 140, $355,000.
Seventh St., 3514, $510,000.
11th St., 419, $668,000.
17th St., 1614, $895,000.
27th St., 1325, No. 1325A, $265,000.
37th St., 2016, No. 102, $180,000.

SOUTHWEST

G St., 350, No. N309, $618,555.
Third St., 1101, No. 107, $280,000.
Fourth St., 800, No. S725, $245,000.

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ASPEN HILL AREA

Baffin Bay Lane, 5036, $750,000.
Chelmsford Rd., 14115, $499,000.
Hornbeam Dr., 4819, $785,000.
Parkland Dr., 13307, $474,000.
Tallahassee Ave., 4604, $499,900.

BARNESVILLE AREA

Harris Rd. W., 22520, $1.2 million.

BETHESDA AREA

Asbury Lane, 4905, $873,000.
Battery Lane, 5000, No. 203, $499,000.
Bulls Run Pkwy., 9506, $1.77 million.
Clue Dr., 10003, $1.71 million.
Elsmere Ave., 5003, $975,000.
Goldleaf Dr., 6422, $1.3 million.
Hempstead Ave., 8619, $1.08 million.
Maryknoll Ave., 7809, $816,640.
Montrose Ave., 10409, No. M202, $240,000.
Parthenon Ct., 10424, $425,000.
Quarry Ridge Way, 8024, No. 1B, $385,000.
River Rock Terr., 8501, $1.7 million.
Sentinel Dr., 4936, No. 5-103, $800,000.
Tulip Hill Terr., 6704, $1.89 million.
Whitley Park Terr., 5450, No. 404, $521,000.
Wyngate Dr., 5600, $1.12 million.

BOYDS AREA

White Ground Rd., 19500, $220,000.

BROOKEVILLE AREA

Quail Hollow Terr., 3024, $585,000.

BURTONSVILLE AREA

Carson Dr., 14714, $514,000.
Turbridge Dr., 3536, $530,000.

CALVERTON-COLESVILLE AREA

Carters Grove Dr., 1804, $483,000.
Eden Rd., 11702, $535,000.
Lisage Way, 2910, $329,000.
Montvale Ct., 9, $835,000.
Shady Knoll Dr., 13408, No. 207, $206,000.
Waldo Lane, 12520, $589,000.

CHEVY CHASE AREA

Cedar Pkwy., 5514, $1.46 million.
East West Hwy., 4242, No. 602, $154,000.
Friendship Blvd., 5500, No. 2002N, $182,000.
Maple Ave., 7001, $1.63 million.
Park Ave. N., 4601, No. 614P, $760,000.
Terrace Dr., 2913, $1.97 million.
Wisconsin Ave., 5600, No. 1409, $1.58 million.

CLARKSBURG AREA

Dutrow Ct., 10, $720,000.
Sweetspire Dr., 22513, $585,000.

CLOVERLY-EDNOR AREA

Edgeware St., 2153, $550,000.
Piping Rock Dr., 616, $499,900.
Timberlake Dr., 15013, $625,000.

DAMASCUS AREA

Damascus Park Lane, 10405, $467,000.
Lunsford Ct., 24632, $437,000.

DERWOOD AREA

Connors Way, 16146, $664,990.
Killdeer Dr., 16512, $502,400.
Redland Rd., 16412, $500,000.

FOUR CORNERS-BURNT MILLS AREA

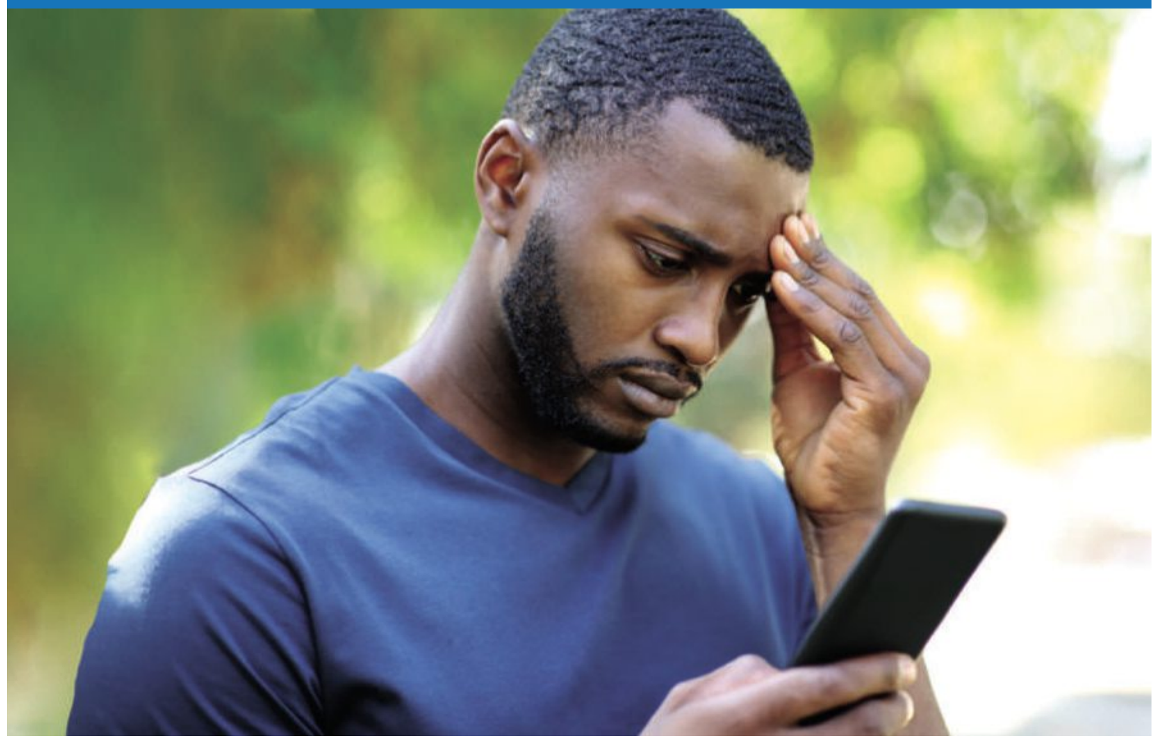
Burnt Mills Ct., 721, $400,400.
Edgewood Ave., 10612, $475,000.
Lexington Dr., 219, $752,000.
Newhall St., 903, $375,000.
Wire Ave., 9317, $502,500.

GAITHERSBURG AREA

Brighton Dr., 22, $610,000.
Central Ave., 141, $1.1 million.
Duvall Lane, 124, No. 156-304, $165,000.
Girard St., 442, No. 283, $160,000.
Kingfisher Terr., 18600, $310,000.

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Wheatfield Terr., 19272, $390,000.

GAITHERSBURG-NORTH POTOMAC AREA

Bleeker Pl., 104, $1.15 million.
Clopper Rd., 11710, $550,000.
Diamondback Dr., 506, No. 333, $385,890.
Inspiration Lane, 430, $740,000.
Little Quarry Rd., 411, $775,000.
Palmtree Dr., 441, $345,000.
Relda Ct., 5, $483,000.
Suffolk Terr., 12104, $500,000.

GERMANTOWN AREA

Ambassador Dr., 13541, $330,000.
Burnt Woods Ct., 23, $559,000.
Dover Cliffs Cir., 19427, $396,000.
Fountain Club Dr., 13401, No. 14302, $233,000.
Kelley Farm Dr., 14810, $1.2 million.
Mill House Ct., 13036, $376,000.
Pinnacle Dr., 12920, No. 6, $345,000.
Red Pepper Ct., 12602, $350,000.
Sky Blue Dr., 12403, $355,000.
Tarragon Way, 18603, $239,500.
Waters Row Terr., 20303, $425,000.

GLEN ECHO AREA

Harvard Ave., 6105, $600,000.

KENSINGTON AREA

Connecticut Ave., 10115, $940,000.
Devin Pl., 10905, $410,000.
Madison St., 11010, $475,000.
Spruell Dr., 4100, $575,000.

LAYTONSVILLE AREA

Laytonsville Rd., 21513, $430,000.
Woodfield School Rd., 25019, $601,000.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE AREA

Brassie Pl., 19427, No. 101, $112,000.
Canal Rd., 9849, $810,000.
Coltfield Ct., 19014, $360,000.
Grazing Terr., 9305, $365,000.
Kilrush Ct., 18113, $309,000.
Mills Choice Rd., 19023, No. 5, $190,000.
Ridgeline Dr., 10139, $217,340.

NORBECK-LAYHILL AREA

Beaverbrook Ct., 15301, No. 92-1J, $215,000.
Bel Pre Rd., 3840, No. 14-135, $195,000.
Catamount Ct., 14220, $450,000.
Interlachen Dr., 15101, No. 1-816, $170,000.
Leisure World Blvd. N., 3100, No. 110, $250,000.
Leisure World Blvd. S., 2901, No. 306, $595,000.
Merrifields Lane, 15413, $749,900.
Pennfield Cir., 14801, No. 405, $239,000.
Saint Leonards Ct., 3417, No. 111B, $499,900.

OLNEY AREA

Broom Dr., 4721, $1 million.
Homeland Terr., 3502, $430,000.
Meadowland Terr., 18537, $650,000.
Paladin Dr., 18229, $425,000.
Spartan Rd., 2805, $720,000.

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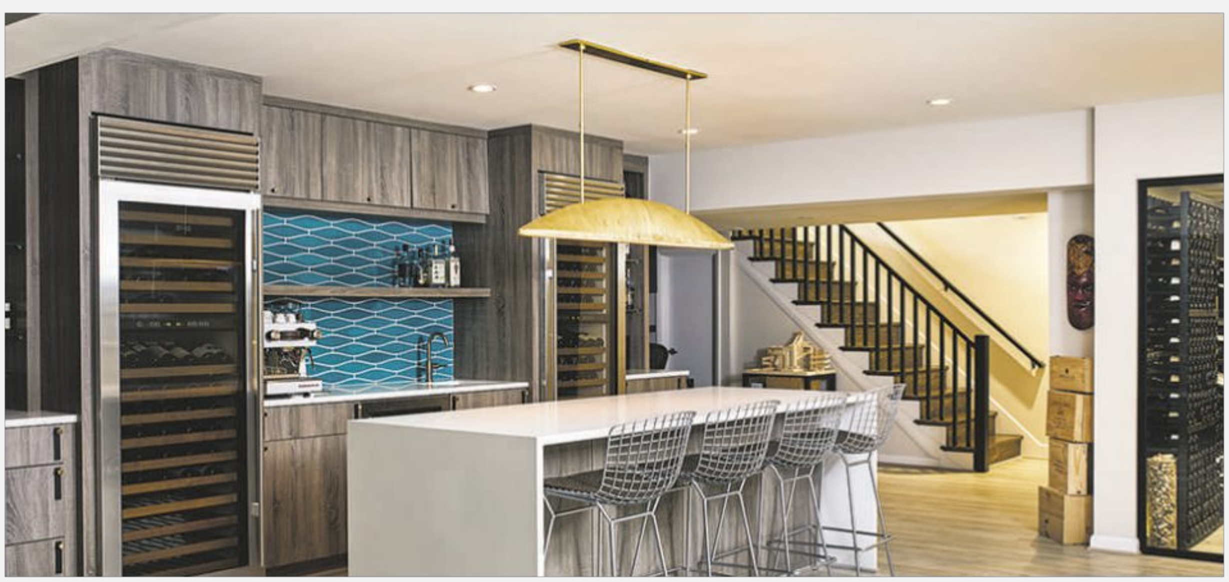




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